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“AND WHERE IS THE PRINCE WHO CAN AFFORD SO TO COVER HIS COUNTRY WITH TROOPS FOR ITS DEFENSE AS THAT TEN THOUSAND MEN DESCENDING FROM THE CLOUDS MIGHT NOT IN MANY PLACES DO AN INFINITE DEAL OF MISCHIEF BEFORE A FORCE COULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO REPEL THEM”

BEN FRANKLIN—1784-



“American parachutists—devils in baggy pants—are less than 100 meters from my outpost line. I can’t sleep at night. They pop up from nowhere and we never know when or how they will strike next. Seems like the black hearted devils are everywhere.”

Found in a diary of a German officer who opposed the 504th Parachute Infantry on the Anzio Beachhead.

Oct. 43 to Apr. 44



# WHERE THEY FOUGHT

## Airborne Roster of Glory

11th Airborne Division, Jan. 45, Leyte, P.I., Boat landing—fighting inland, one battery Precht FA dropped; 1 Feb. 45, Nasugbu, Luzon, Amphibious assault, establish beachhead to attack north to Manila. Division—511 CT; 3 Feb 45, \*Tagaytay, Luzon, 511 CT enters Nasugbu operation; 3 Feb 45, \*Los Barnos Camp, Luzon, Co. B 511 by air—other units by land and water stage successful raid on Japan prison camp, liberate 2146 American civilian internees; 25 Jun 45, Aparri, Luzon, Reenforce CT parachutists & gliders cut off escape route.

17th Airborne Division, Jan-Feb 45, Belgian Bulge, Assists in relief of pressure on 101st in Bastogne area; 24 Mar 45, \*Rhine Crossing, Start of push across Germany.

82nd Airborne Division, 9-10 Jul 43, \*Sicily, First large scale night operation by parachute units; 14 Sep 43, \*\*Salerno, Italy, Parachute units jump-glider troops amphibious landed to reinforce beachhead; 5-6 Jun 44, \*Normandy, France, Massed air assault to secure strategic points inland from D-day beaches; 17 Sep 44, \*Nijmegen, Holland, Seize and hold bridges across Maas & Waal rivers; Dec-Feb 45, Belgian Bulge, Ardennes campaign; Apr-May 45, Elbe-Bleckede, Assault across Elbe river—contracted Russian troops at Grabow.

101st Airborne Division, 5-6 Jun 44, \*Normandy, Seized causeways and disrupted German communications & supply; 17 Sep 44, \*Eindhoven, Holland, Seized strategic highway & railway bridges & city of Eindhoven; Dec-Feb 45, Bastogne.

501st PIR, Atchd 101st Division throughout World War II.

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503rd PIR, 5 Sep 43, \*Lee, Salamaua, Cut off escape route of 20,000 Japanese; 3 Jul 44, \*Naem—for island, Captured main Airdrome; 16 Sep 44, \*Corregidor, P.I., Hit pinpoint DZ to capture enemy from rear; Apr 45, Negros Island, 67 days ground fighting.

504th PIR, Asgd 82nd through Sicily & Salerno—then spent period Oct 43-Apr 44 in bitter ground fighting around Venafro and Anzio—assgd 82nd from Holland on.

505th PIR, Asgd 82nd throughout all 82nd action—took part in ground action in Italy under British Corps—Vulturno.

506th PIR, Atchd and/or asgd 101st throughout war.

507th PIR, Atchd 82nd Normandy—Asgd 17th Ardennes & Rhine Crossing.

508th PIR, Atchd 82nd from Normandy throughout war.

509th Precht Bn, 8 Nov 42, \*Oran, NAA, First combat action of American parachute troops 15 Nov 42, \*Youksies Bains, NA, To contact French troops and attack Gafsa, Tunisia, 21 Nov 42, \*Faid Pass, Tunisia, Demolition & Action; Sep 43, \*Island of Ischia, Radiomen & Pathfinders capture enemy garrison & radar units; 14 Sep 43, \*Avellino, Italy, Attack 25 miles behind enemy lines; 22 Jan 44, Anzio, Italy, Reinforce beachhead (22 Jan 44-1 Apr 44); Dec 44-Jan 45, Belgian Bulge.

511th PIR, Asgd 11th throughout war.

513th, Asgd 17th from Mar 43.

515th PIR, Asgd 13th Abn. Div.

517th PIR, Ground combat in Italy 27 May to 14 Aug. Parachuted into Southern France 15 August with 1st Abn. Task Force commanded by General Fredericks. With 509th Bn., 551st Bn. and British. Continued ground combat in Ardennes Campaign, "Battle of the Bulge" from mid December 1944 to mid February 1945.

1st Airborne Task Force, 15 Aug 44, \*Southern France, Assault to clear French ports on Mediterranean coast.

187th AIR, 20 Oct 1950 \*Pyongyang, Korea, Cut off escape route of North Korean troops and liberated allied prisoners of war.

187th AIR (with 2nd and 4th Ranger Companies attached), 23 Mar 1951, Munsan in Korea, Cut main supply route north of Seoul and moved east to engage Chinese near Uijongbu.

173rd Airborne Brigade, 5 May 1965 deployed to RVN from Okinawa, becoming first U.S. Army ground combat unit in Vietnam. May-Dec 65 conducted operations from Kontum to Vung Tau. Spearheaded assaults into Iron Triangle, War Zones C and D, the Delta and the Highlands, Participated in first joint US-VN operation. \*22 Feb 67 performed 1st combat parachute jump since Korea, blocking enemy escape route during OPN Junction City. In finest hour, May and Nov 67, smashed enemy at Dak To.

82nd Airborne Division, 1st and 2nd Ranger Bn 75th Infantry 25 October 1983 Grenada Assault to seize Airfield and secure safety of American citizens on island.

\*Denotes Airborne Assault into enemy-held territory.

\*\*Denotes Airborne Assault into friendly held territory to reinforce frontline units.









# INITIAL PROCESSING

Hurry Up And Wait

So...  
I went to  
**JUMP  
SCHOOL**



"I VOLUNTEER AS A PARACHUTIST  
BECAUSE OF THE PRESTIGE, HONOR,  
HIGH ESPRIT-DE-CORPS AND...UH  
...UH...JUMP PAY!"



Forms, Forms, And More Forms



Last Name First ... First Name ... Middle Initial



# AIRBORNE ORIENTATION



Prepare to Land



Motivation Begins Here



Lift Off



Silver Wings





# GATEWAY TO EXCELLENCE



Typical Group Of Confused, Newly Arrived "Legs"



Airborne Chow ... Lean And Mean



In Three Short Weeks This  
"Mob" Of Defeatist Legs Will  
Become Motivated, Dedicated  
Young Paratroopers



# MANN FIELD TRAINING AREA (GROUND)



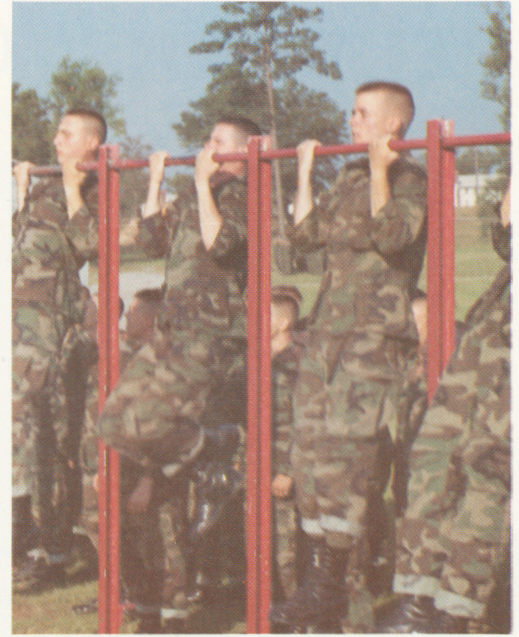
ABOVE: Practice Makes Perfect

ABOVE RIGHT: Listen Up! Airborne

RIGHT: Learning To Fall







The first week of instruction is conducted at Mann Field. During this week the students learn how to make individual exits from the Mock Door, which represents an aircraft in flight, the Lateral Drift Apparatus, and the 34 foot Mock Tower. Since excellent physical condition is necessary to prevent injury and to prepare the students for further training and eventual parachuting, the intensive physical training program

is started during Ground Week, and continued throughout the course. Finally, the correct procedure for executing a parachute landing fall, using all five points of body contact, is taught by practical exercise. At the end of Ground Week, those students who have successfully completed all requirements are sent to Tower Week.





# EUBANKS FIELD TRAINING AREA (TOWER)

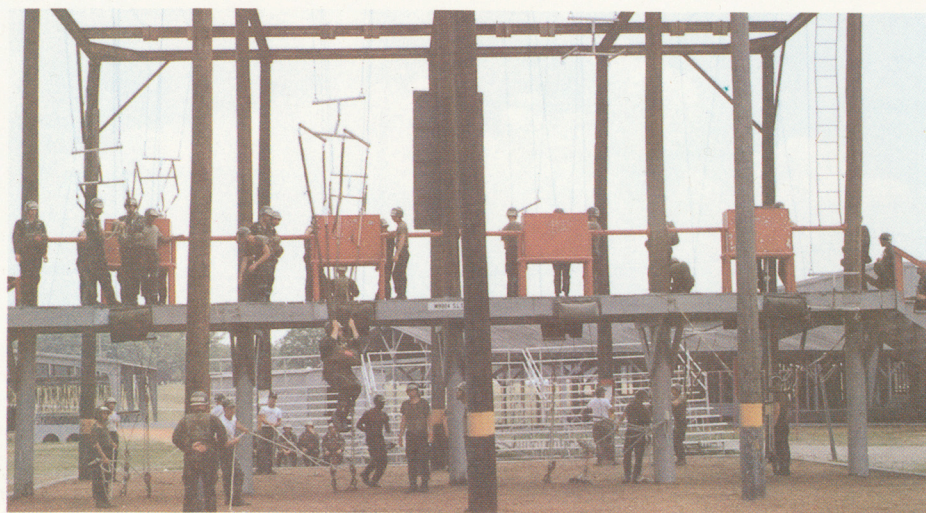


TOP RIGHT: Jump Airborne,  
It's Only 34' Down!

ABOVE: 1 Thousand, 2 Thousand,  
3 Thousand, 4 Thousand, Airborne!

ABOVE RIGHT: Suspended Harness

RIGHT: Swing Landing Trainer





# 250 FOOT TOWER



The second week of instruction, conducted at the Eubanks Field, teaches the students additional parachuting techniques and gives them an opportunity to put the instructions about landing techniques into practical use on the 250 foot Free Tower.

Instruction and practical exercises are executed on the 34 foot Mock Tower, the Suspended Harness, the Swing Landing Trainer, the Mock Door, and the 250 foot Free Tower which gives the students confidence and prepares them for Jump Week. As always, the program of physical training is continued and the students become physically prepared for their final week of instructions.



# BLACK RAMP TRAINING AREA (JUMP)



Load Time



One Way Trip!



Fryar Drop Zone



Jump Week

Jump Week is the culmination of all the efforts, training, and determination of both the students and instructors. Prior to starting this week of training a trooper is given an orientation to the nomenclature and functioning of the T-10C and MC1-1C parachute assemblies and the procedure to be used in fitting and inspection of parachutes. Also, the student is told and shown how to wear combat equipment. During this week, the student makes five successful jumps from an aircraft in flight

to qualify as a parachutist. The jumps are made from altitudes of 1250 feet with the T-10C, and the MC1-1C. Qualifying jumps are made during both the hours of darkness and daylight with combat equipment. Jumps are individual tap-outs and mass exits. A tap-out jump is one in which each jumper is tapped and given the command "go" prior to exiting the aircraft. Tactical assembly by platoon is routine.



# GROUND TRAINING



Check Webbing And Chin Straps



Prepare For Inspection



Helmet Inspection Everyday



# PHYSICAL TRAINING (P.T.)



Pumping Out Chin-ups



The Front Leaning Rest.  
The Most Common "Rest" Position In Airborne School



Leg Ranger



# MOCK DOOR



"KLUGLE, FOR THE LAST TIME-  
TONIGHT... IT'S ONLY THREE  
FEET DOWN!"

Tight Body Position and Count



Jump Position



Knees In The Breeze



P.  
L.  
F.

PARACHUTE  
LANDING  
FALLS



Ready, Slip! Land



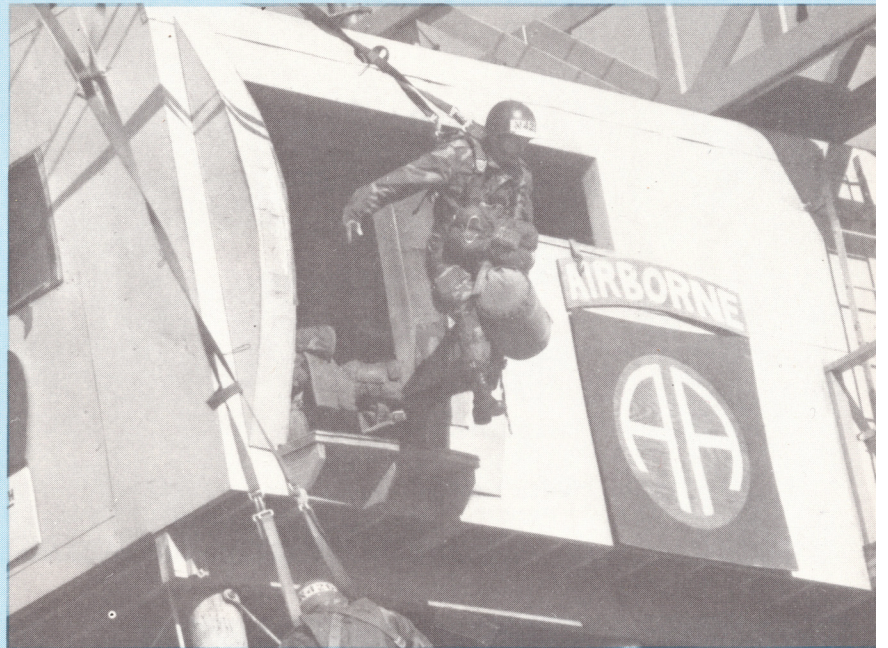
Land



# 34' TOWER



34' Tower Breifing



Watch That First Step!



Release Equipment

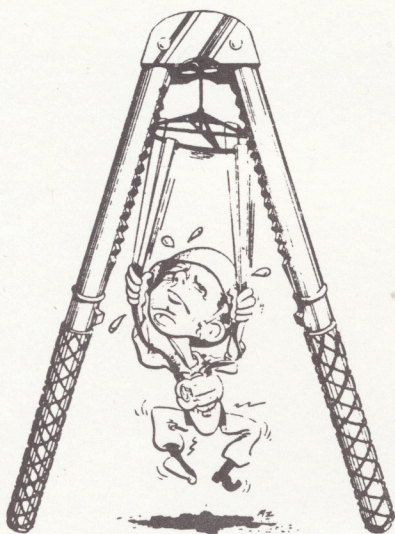
## 34' TOWER MASS EXITS



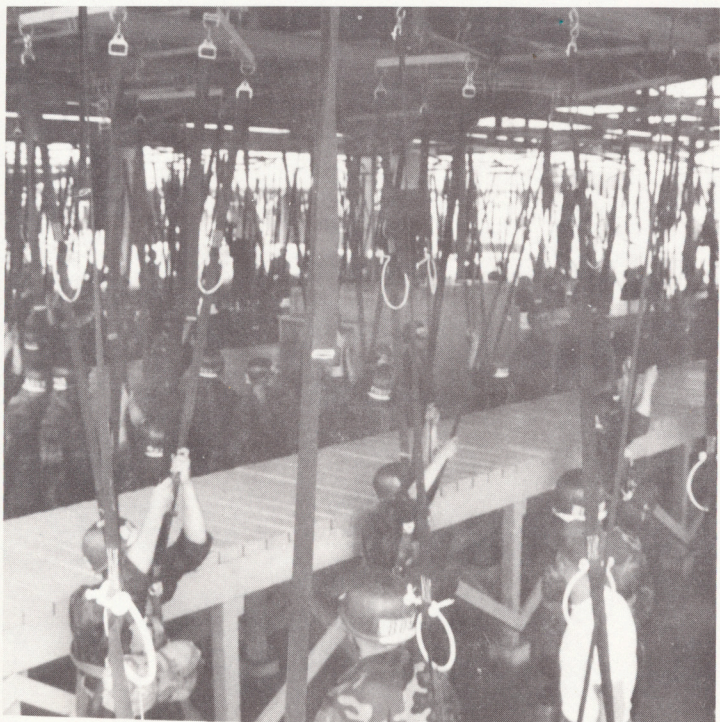
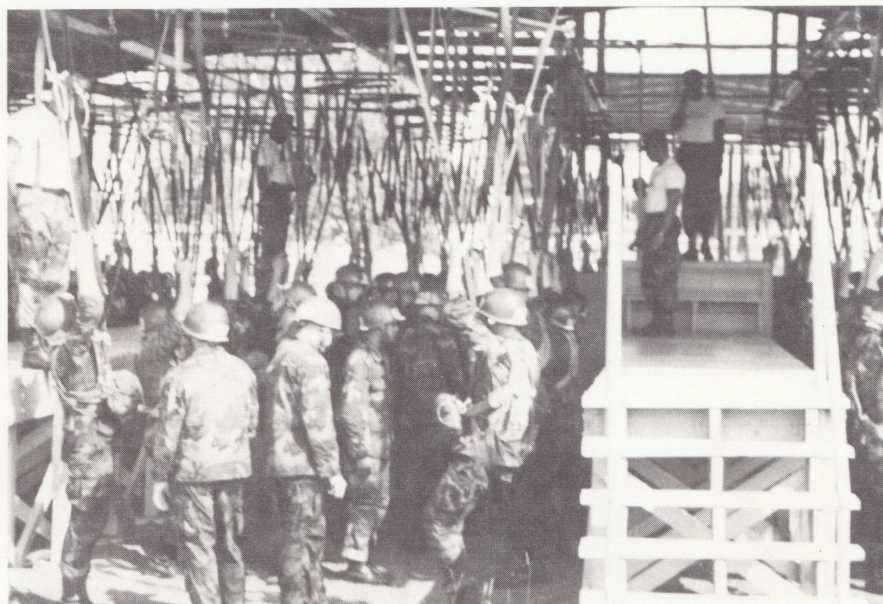
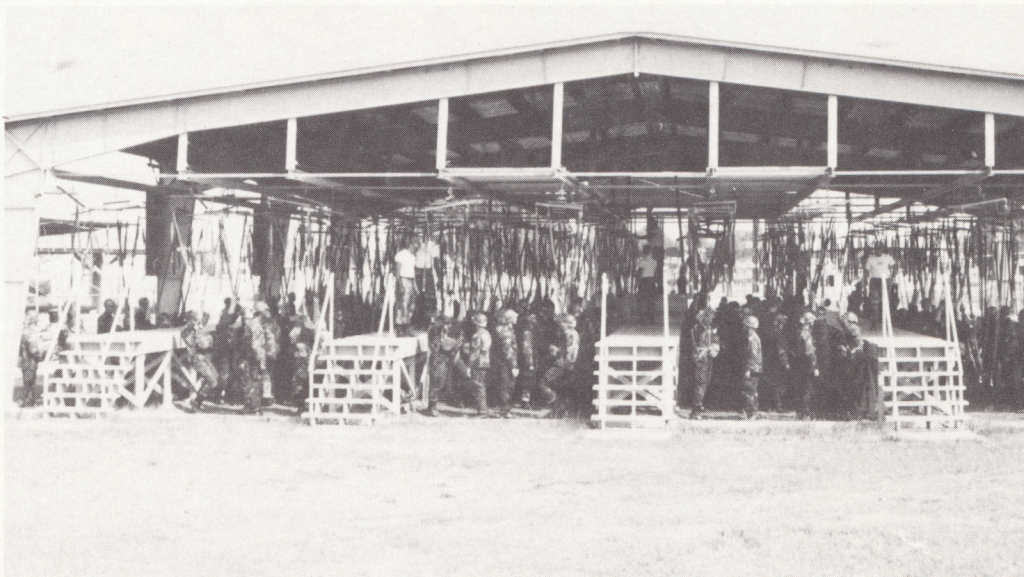
# TOWER TRAINING

## SUSPENDED HARNESS

Suspended Agony



...AND A TRAINING DEVICE  
CALLED "SUSPENDED HARNESS"

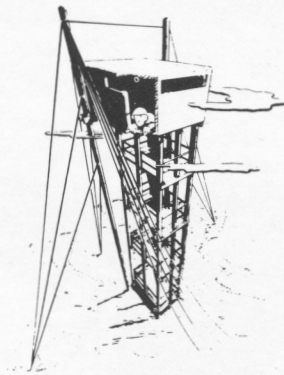






Go!

## TOWER

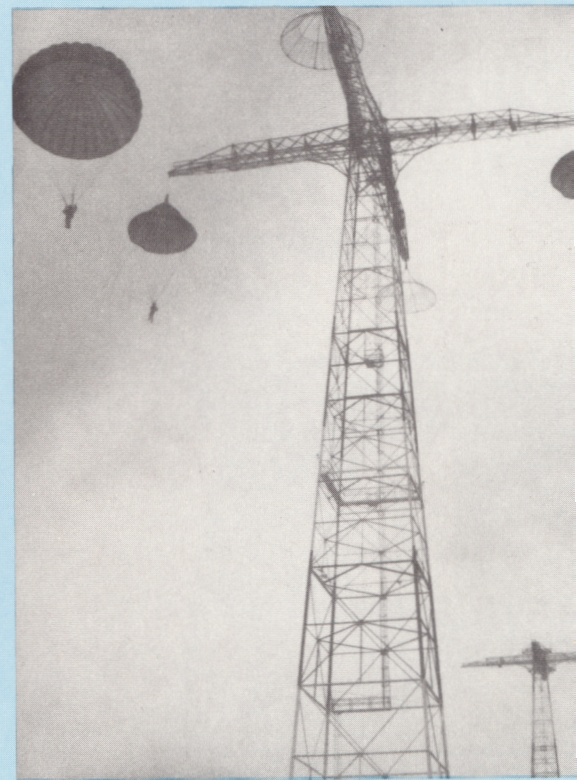
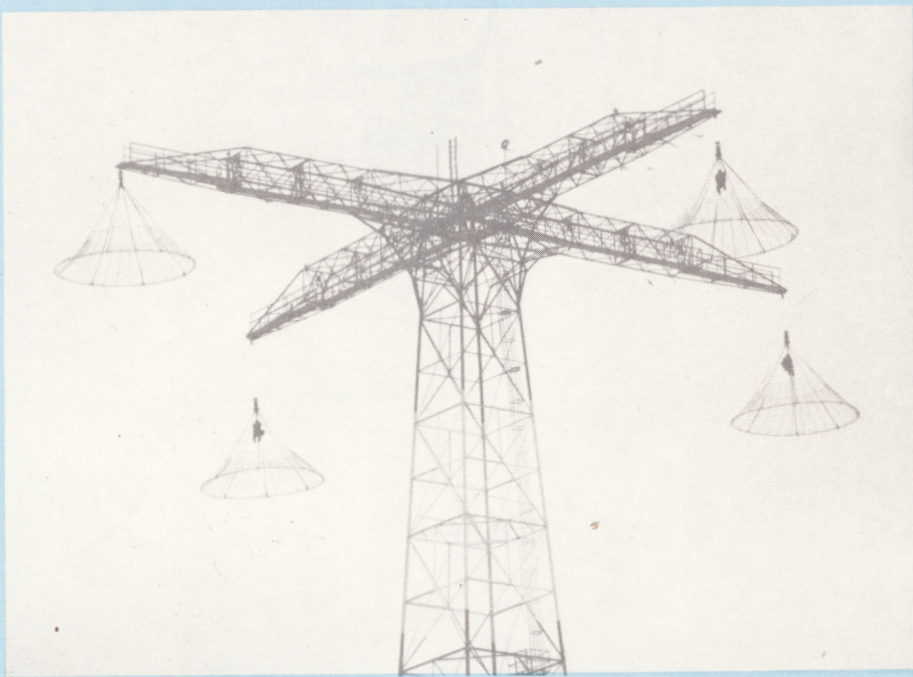


"GEE, THIS MOCK TOWER IS CUTE.  
ONLY 34 FEET.  
OR DID THEY SAY YARDS?"





# 250' TOWER DROPS

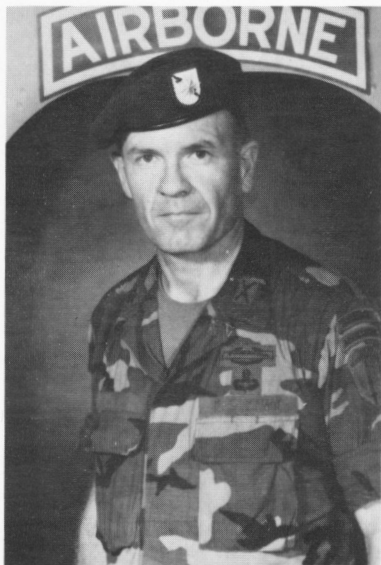


# THE AIRBORNE WALK

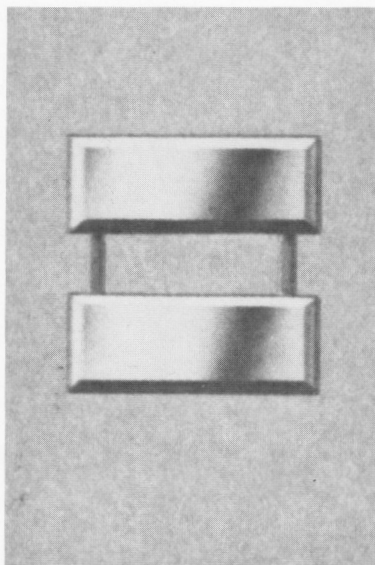




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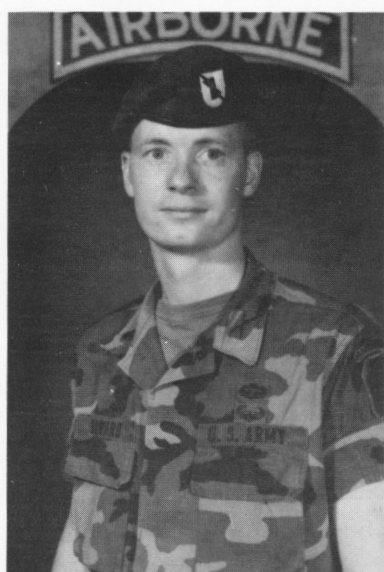
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Battalion Commander



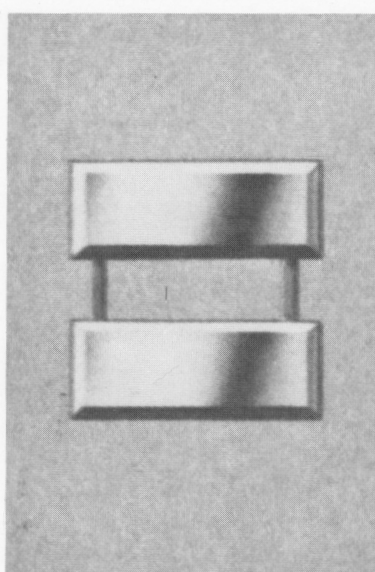
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Executive Officer



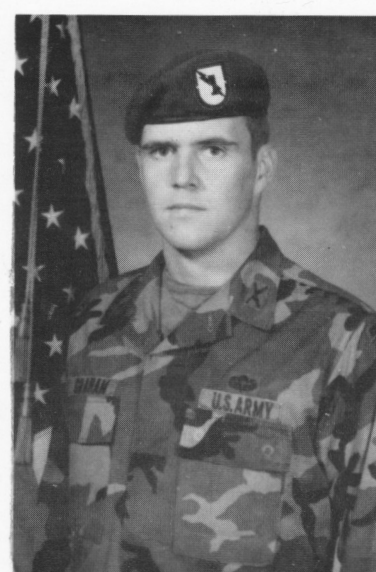
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Command Sergeant Major



2LT Howard  
S-1 Adjutant



CPT Llaunch  
S2/S3  
Intel/Operations Officer



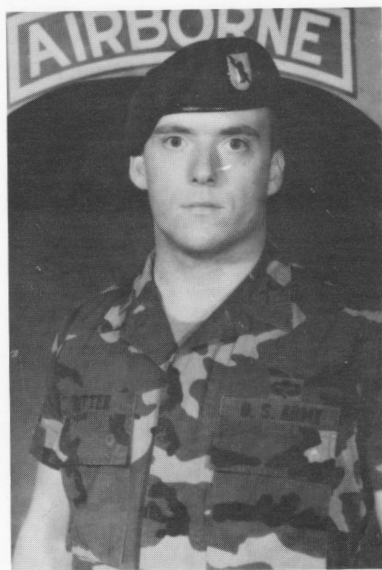
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S4 Logistics Officer



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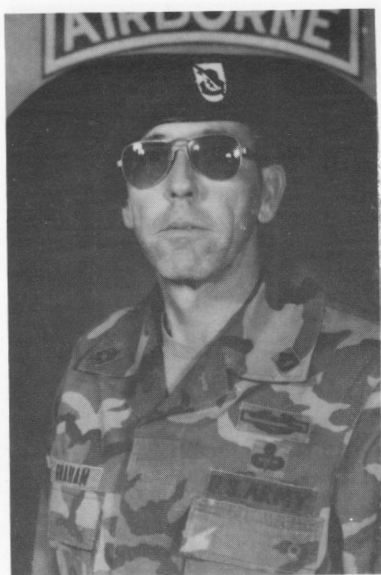
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Company Commander



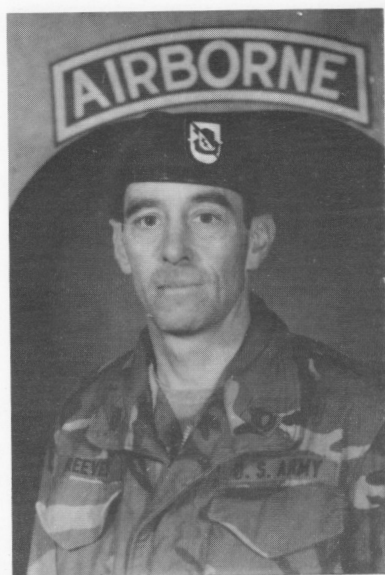
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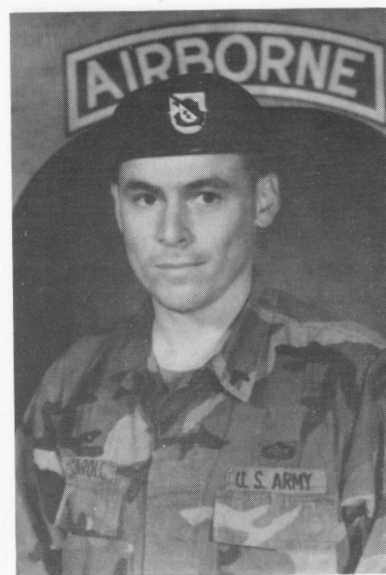
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First Sergeant



SFC Graham  
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SFC Reeves  
Student Operations Sergeant



CPL Carroll  
Supply Sergeant

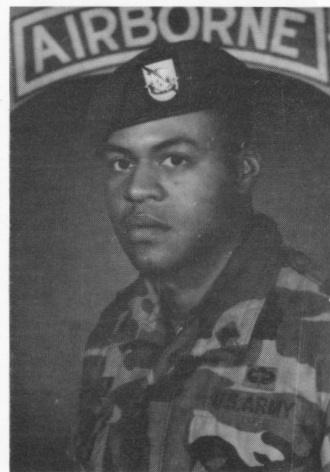




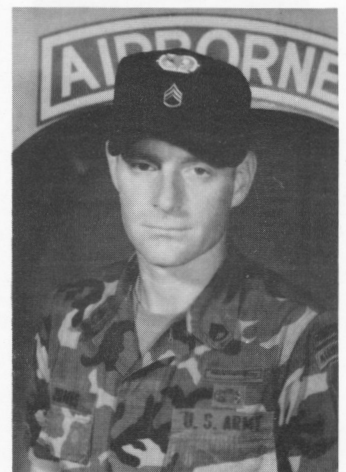
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SFC James Jones  
Section Sergeant



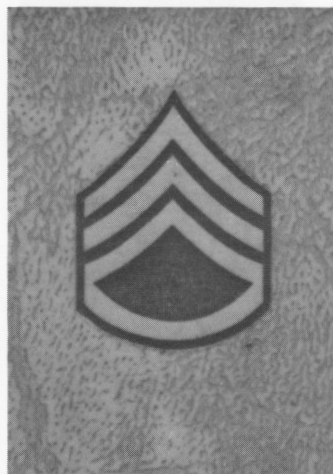
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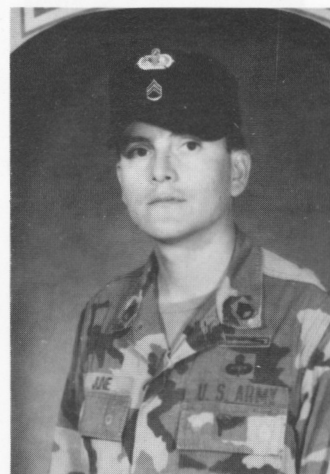
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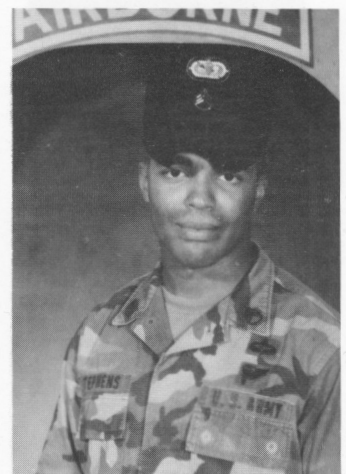
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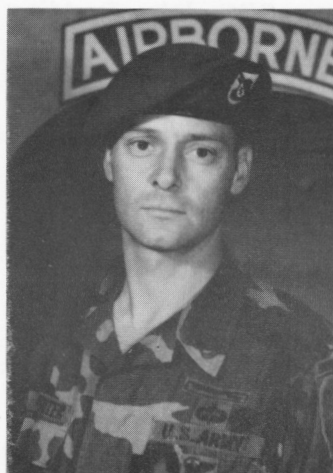
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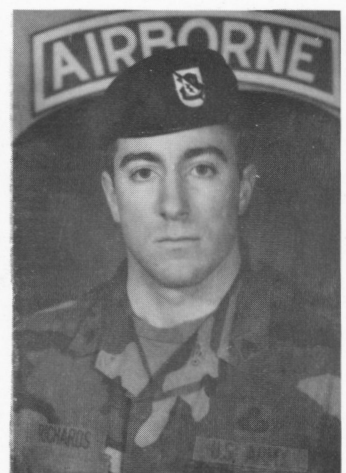
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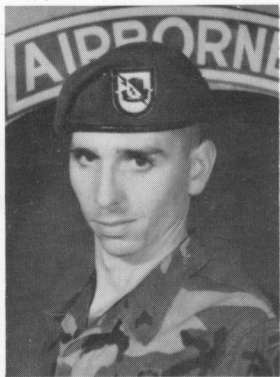


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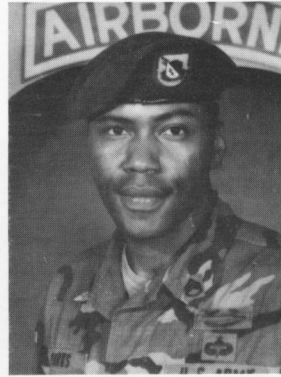




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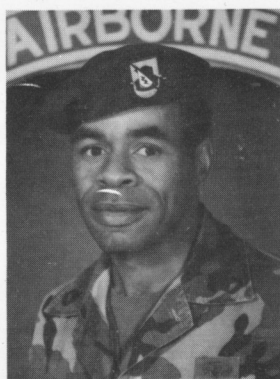
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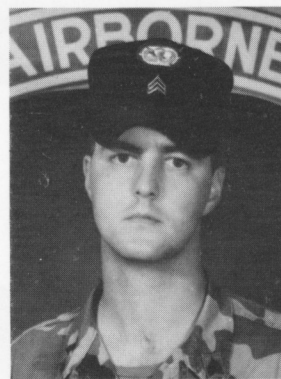
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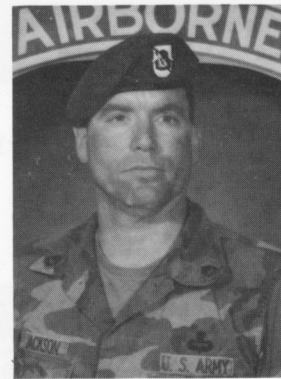
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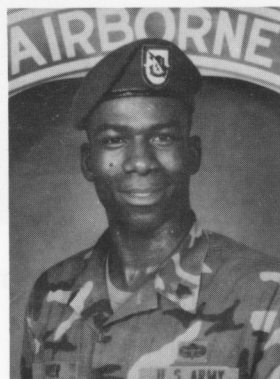
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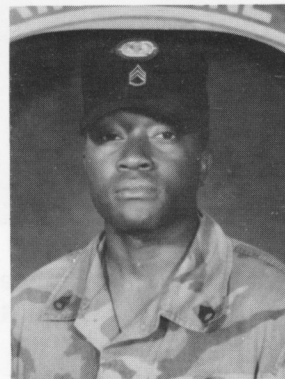
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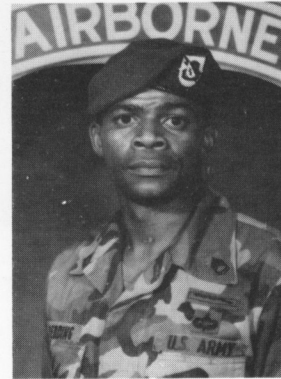
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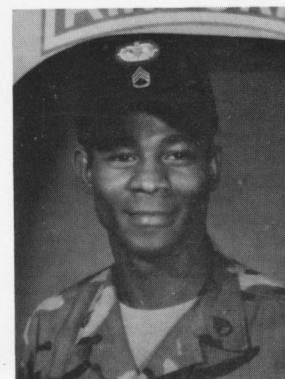
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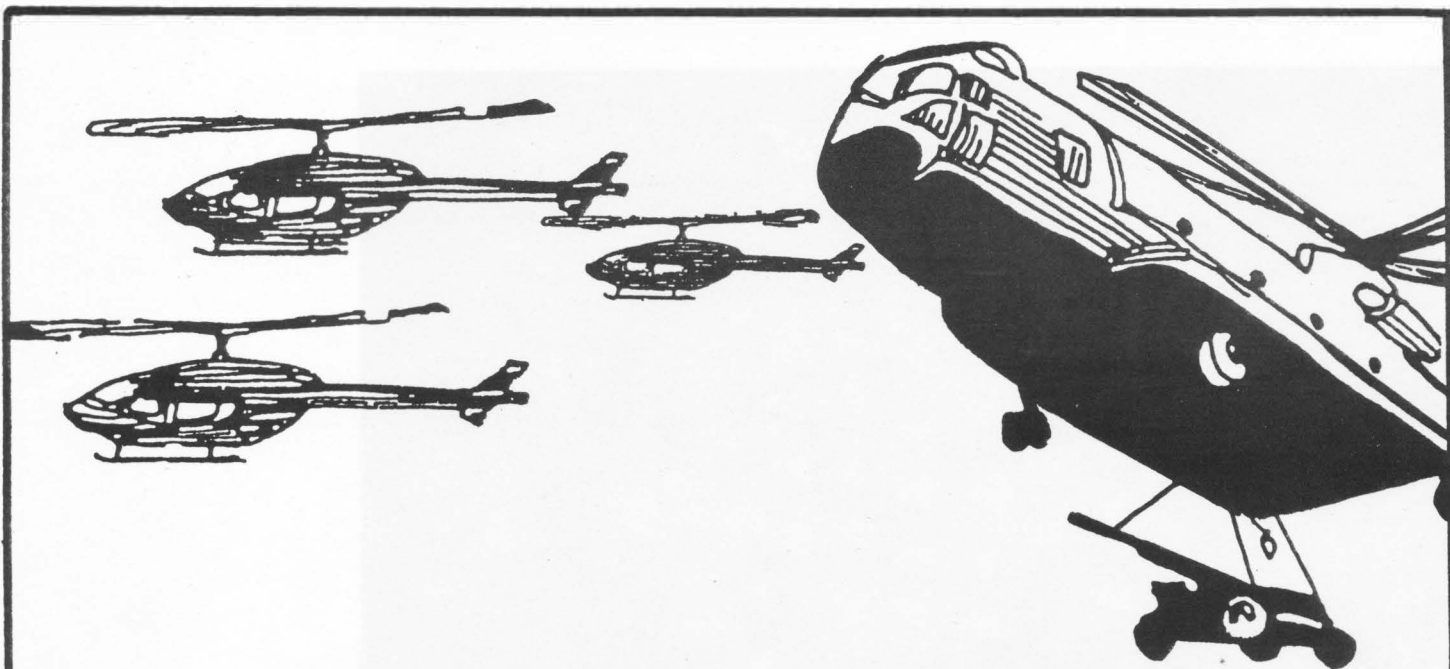


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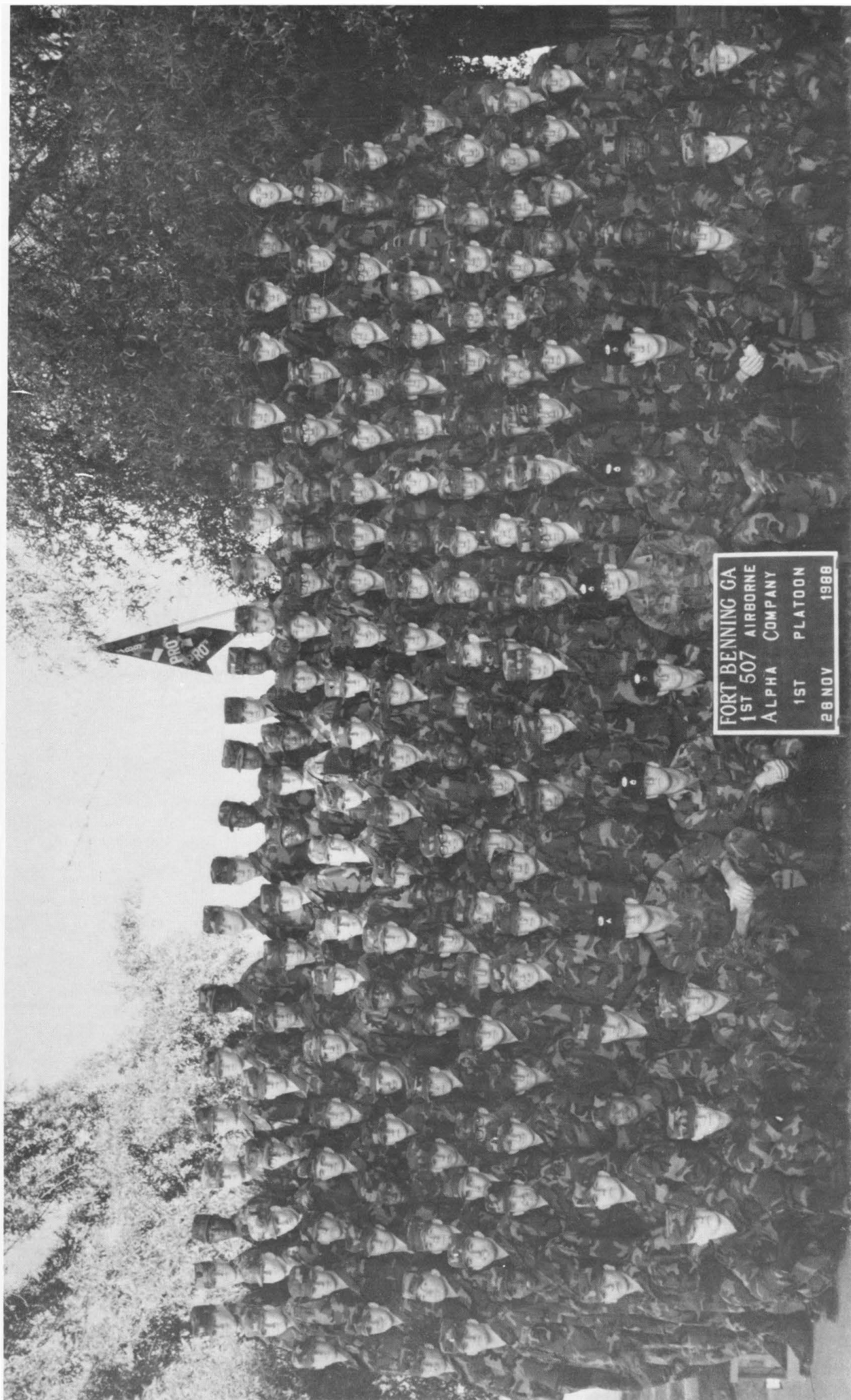
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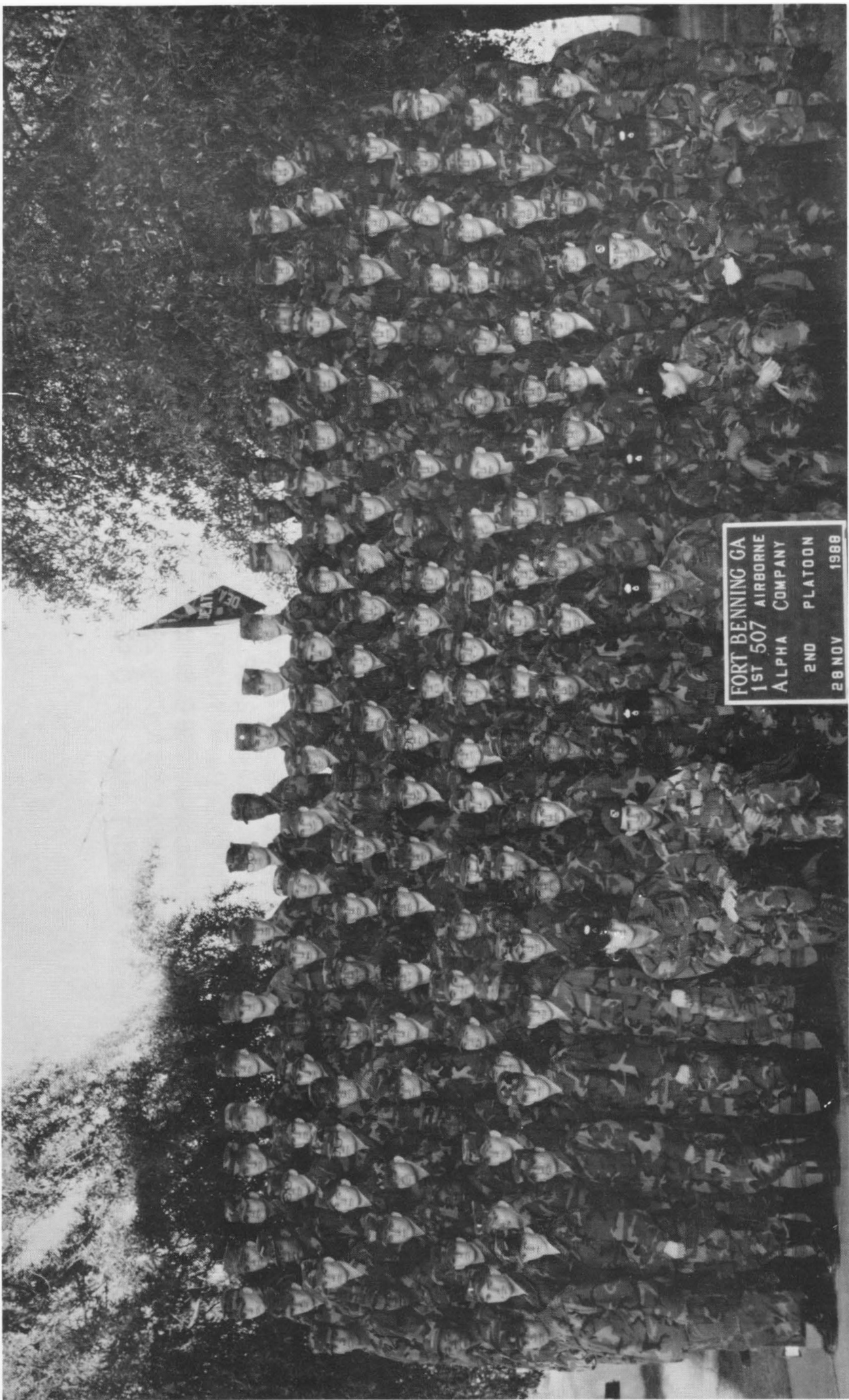
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## FIRST PLATOON

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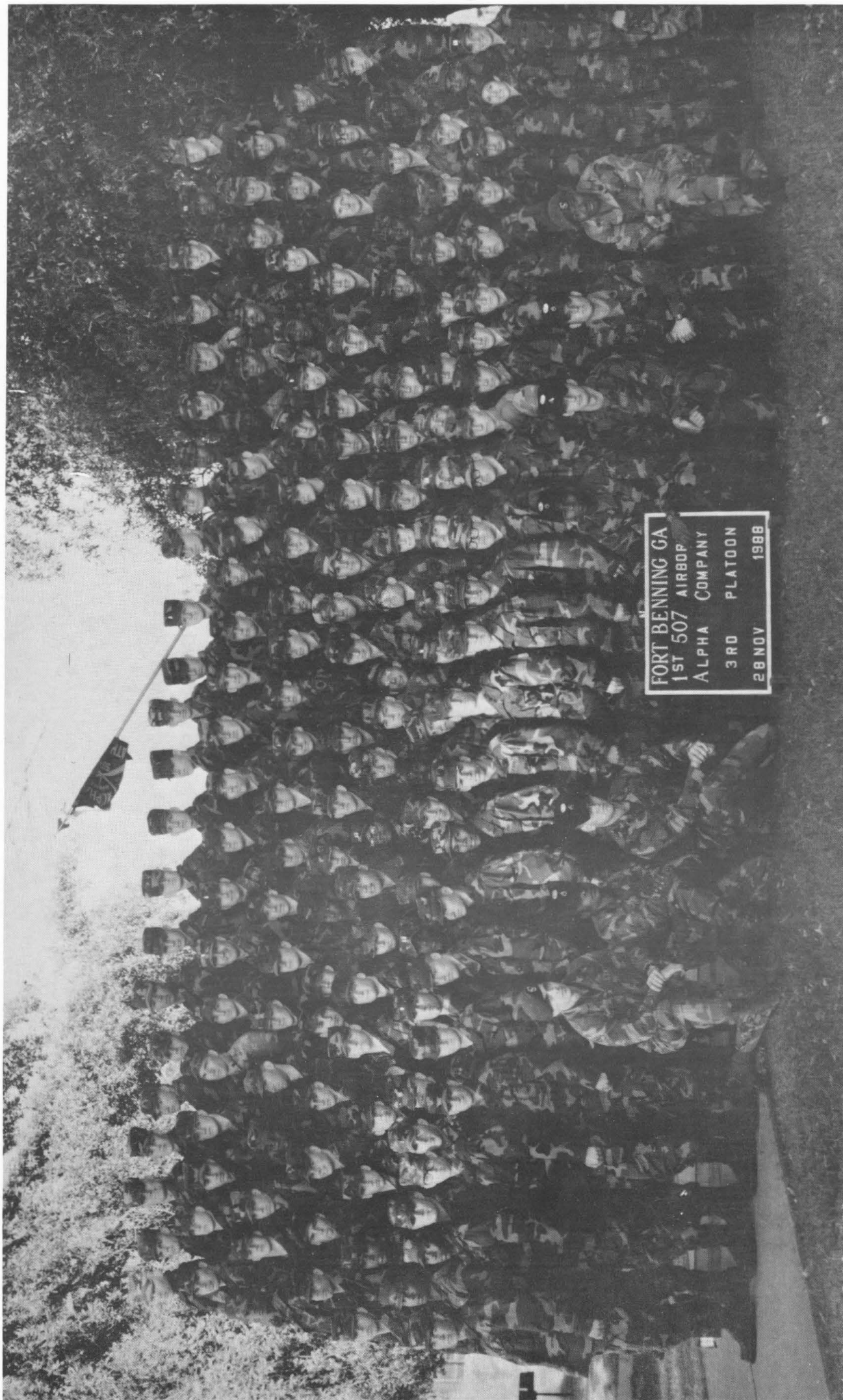
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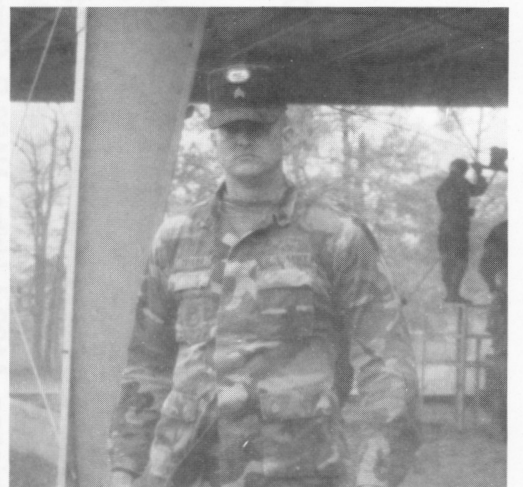
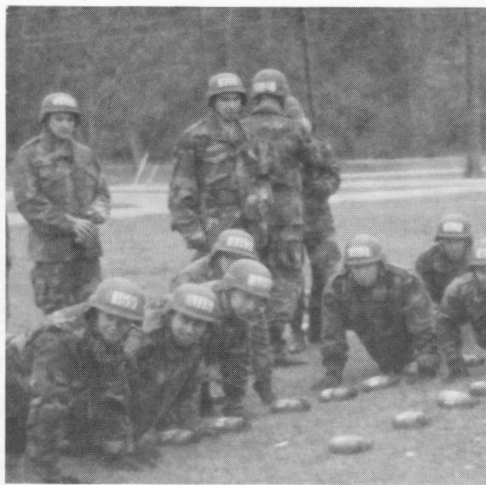
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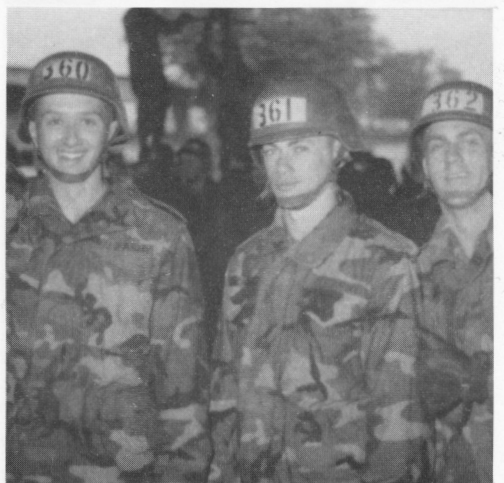
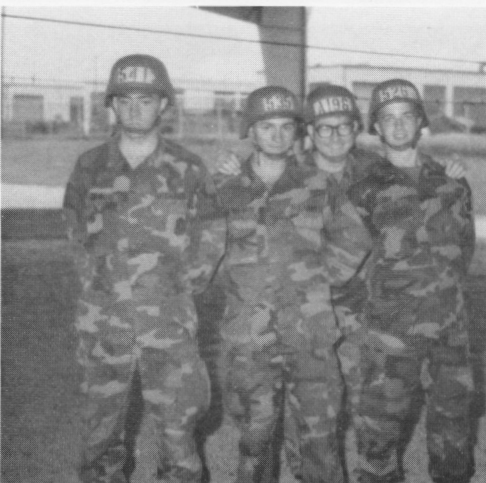
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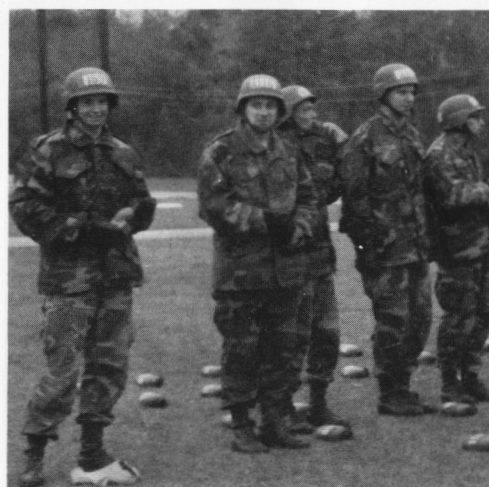












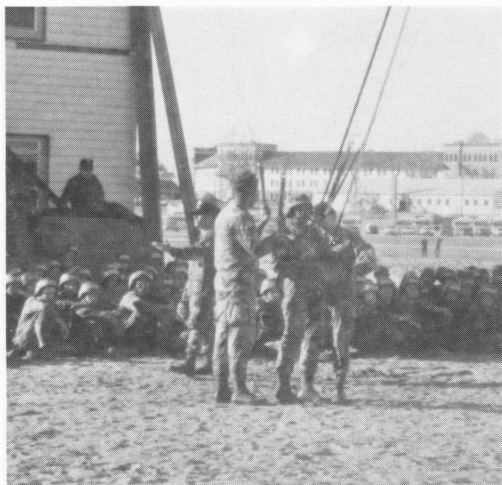
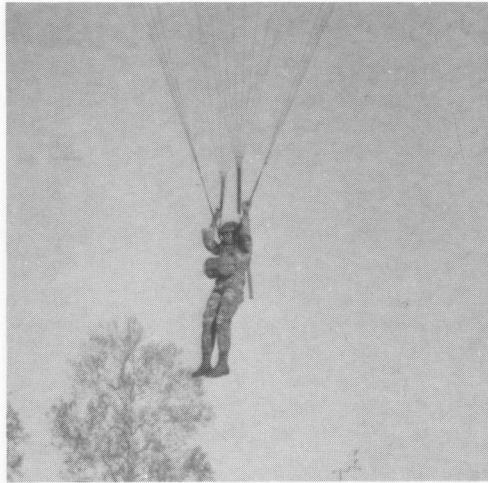
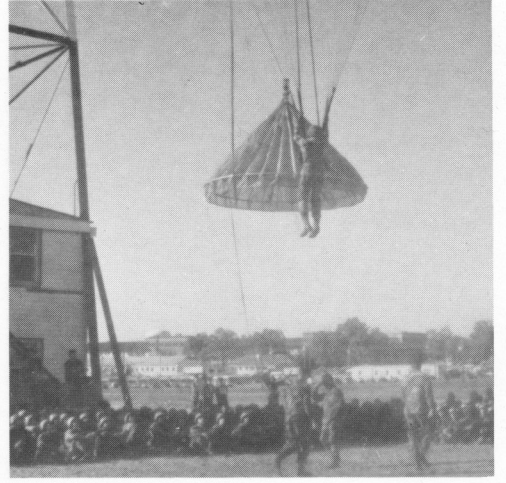




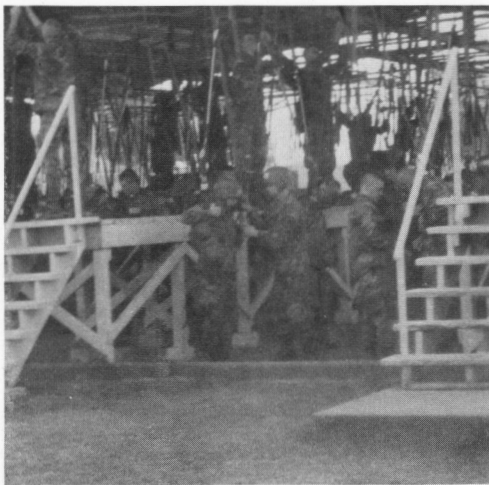
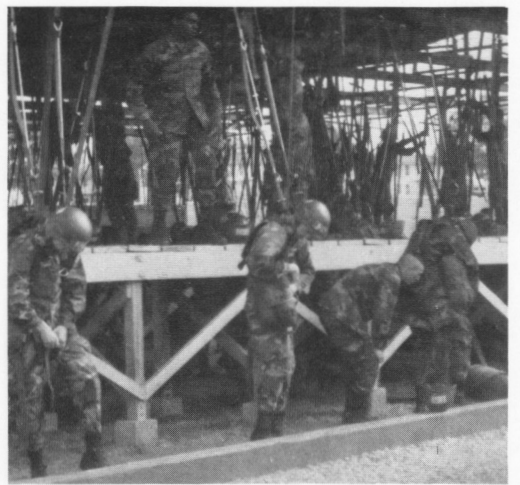








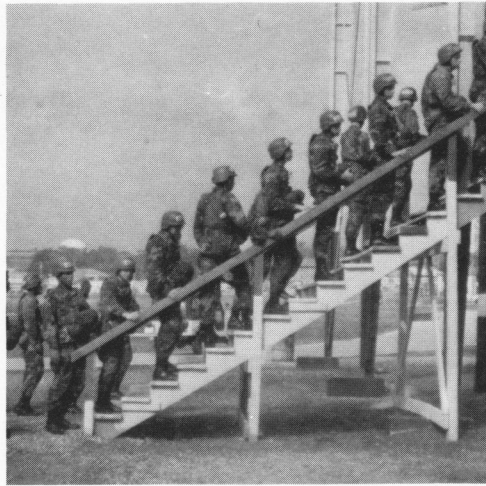
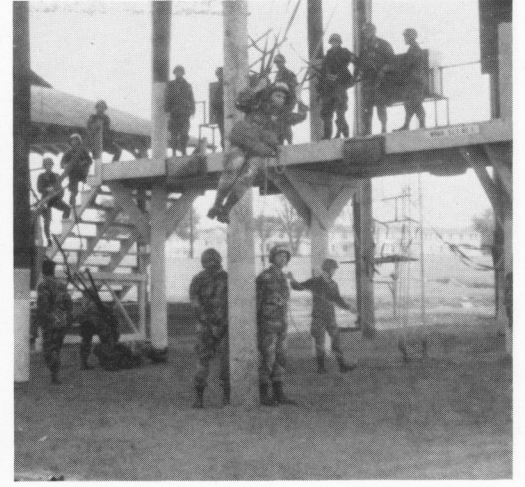
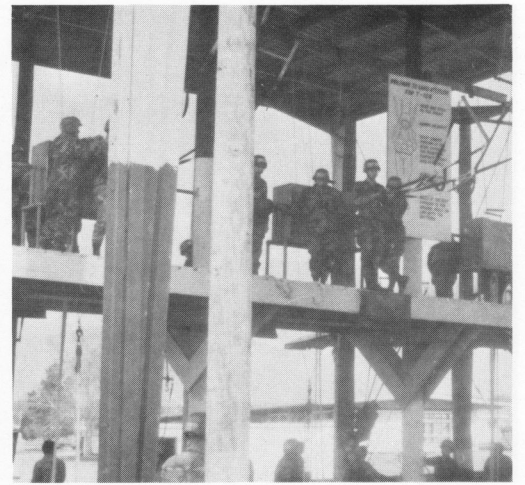
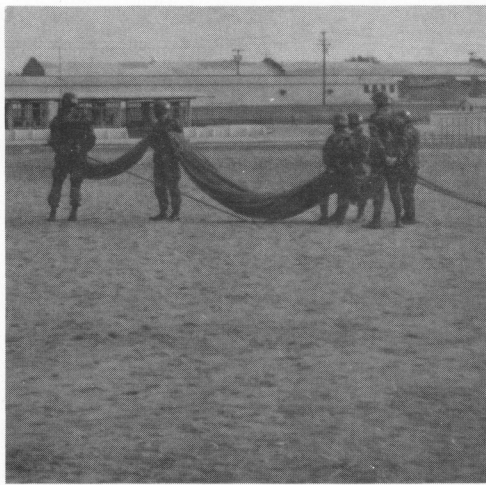








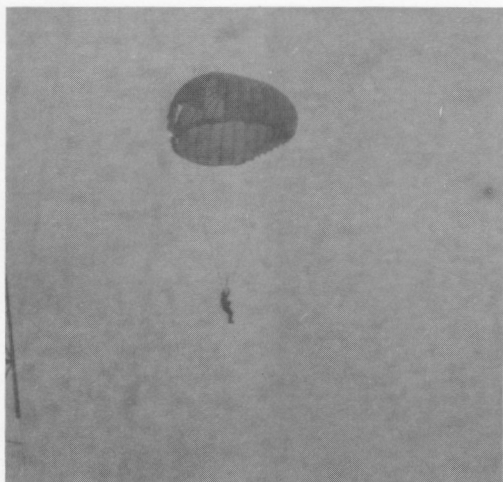
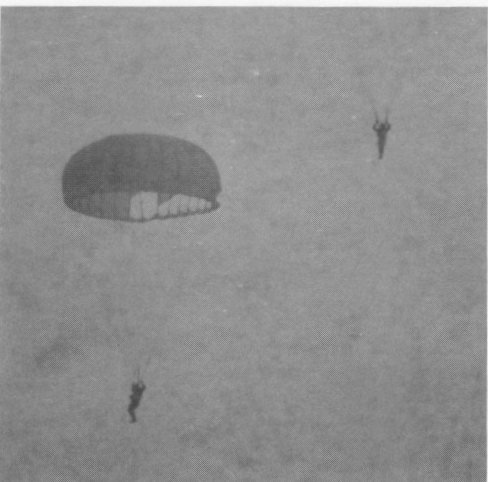




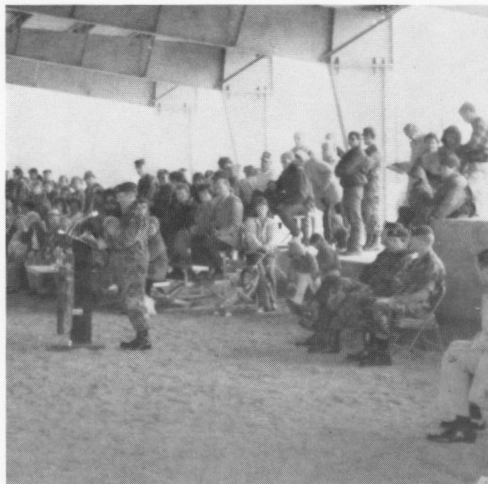
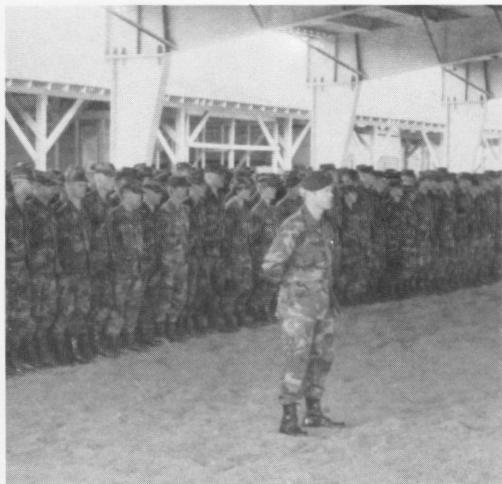




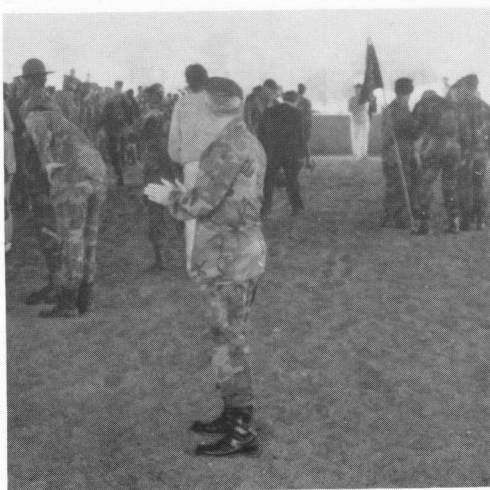
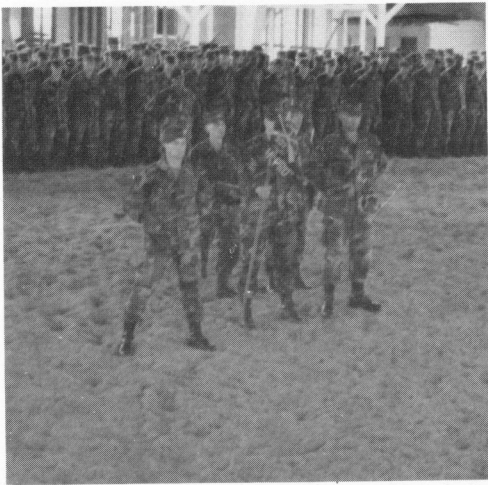






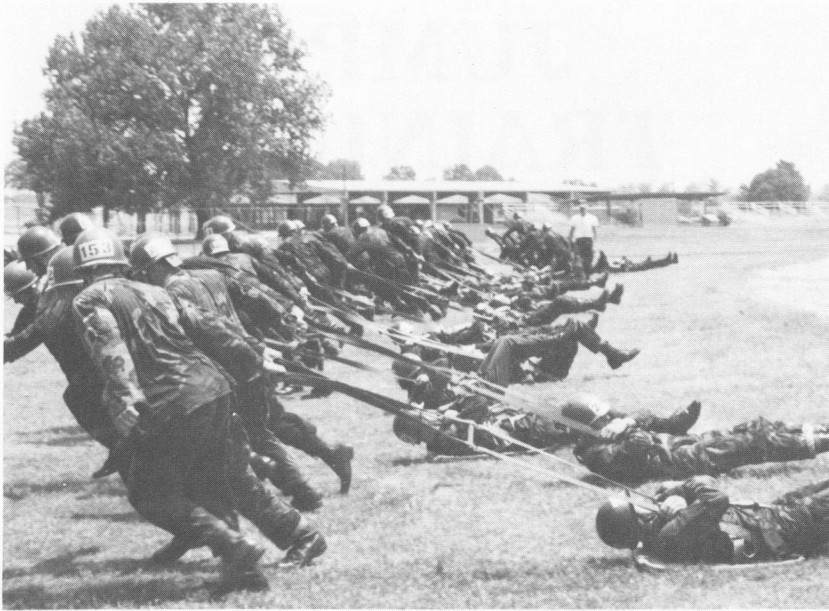








# RECOVERY FROM DRAG





# JUMP TRAINING



McCarthy Hall



More Time For Thought!



This is All I Get





# MACO BRIEFING



## FINAL CHECK

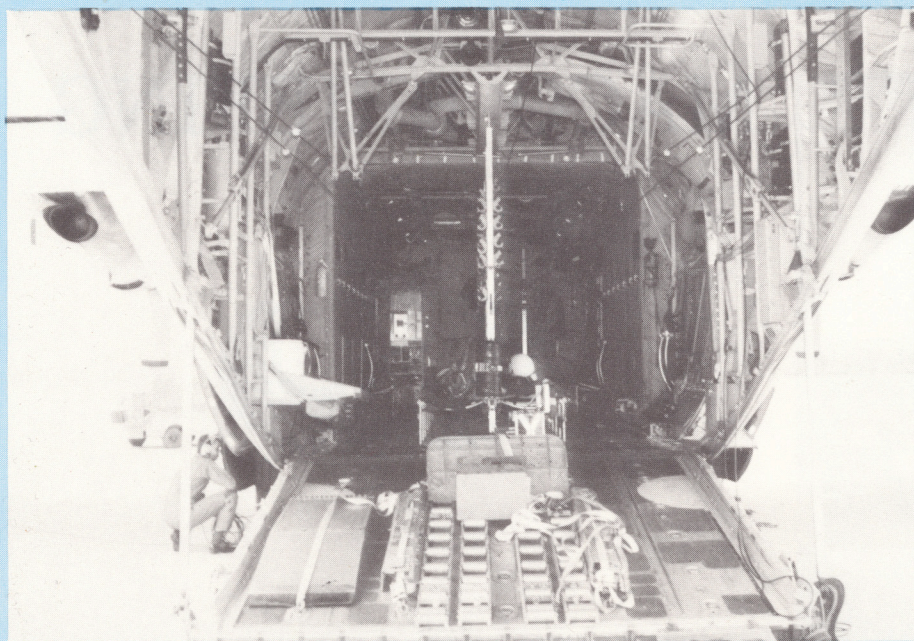


Pull, Yank, Tug!



Ready!





# LOAD



What! Only One Exit Door?



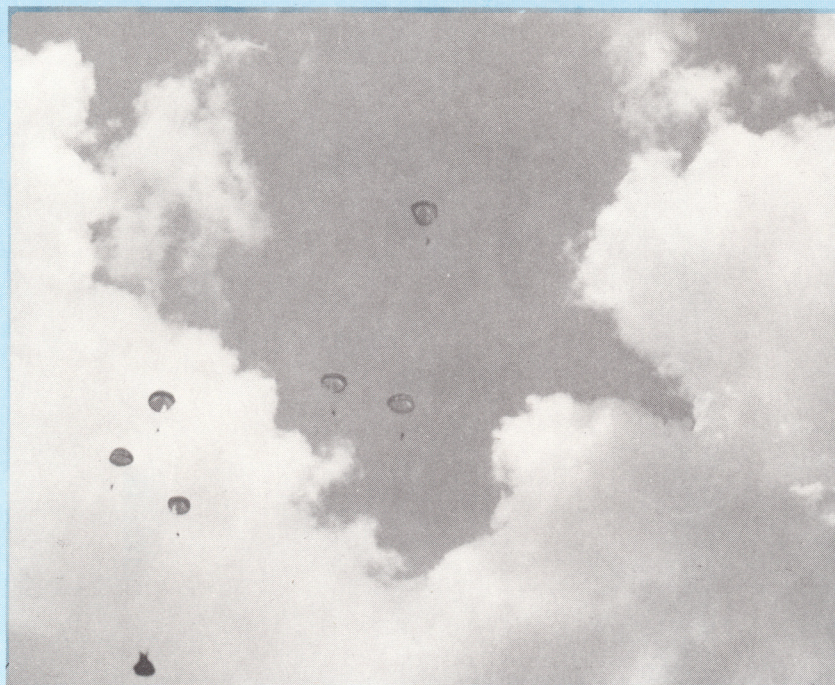
"JAWS" The Only Way To Fly





# JUMP!

Jump! Jump, Jump, Jump, Jump Is All You Hear!

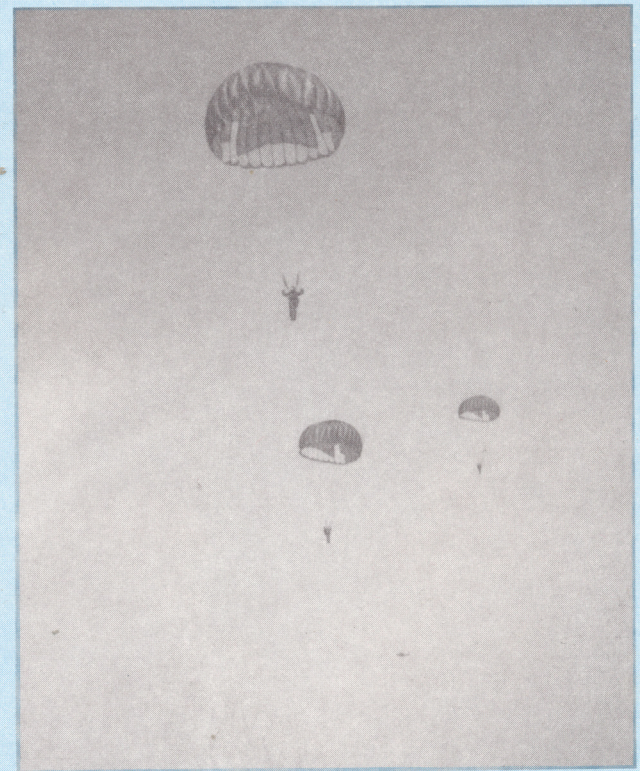
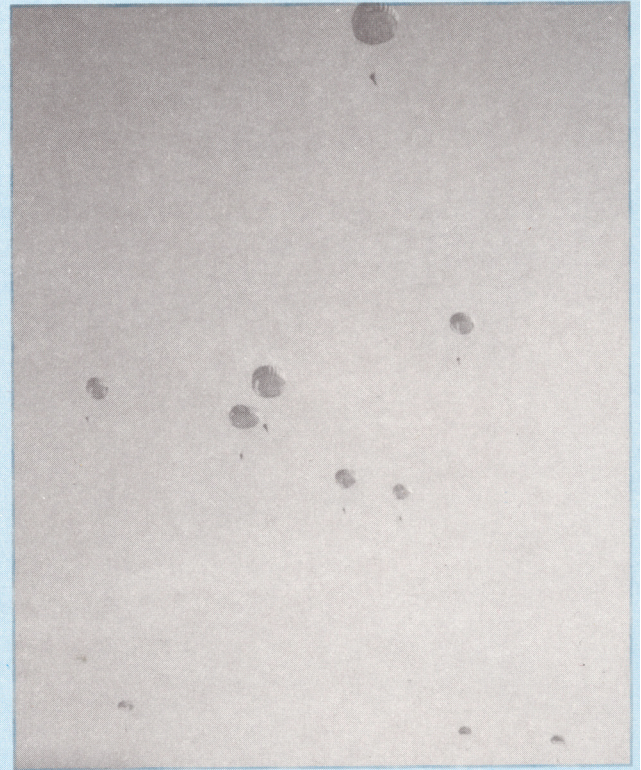


Hunters From The Sky

# AIRBORNE!



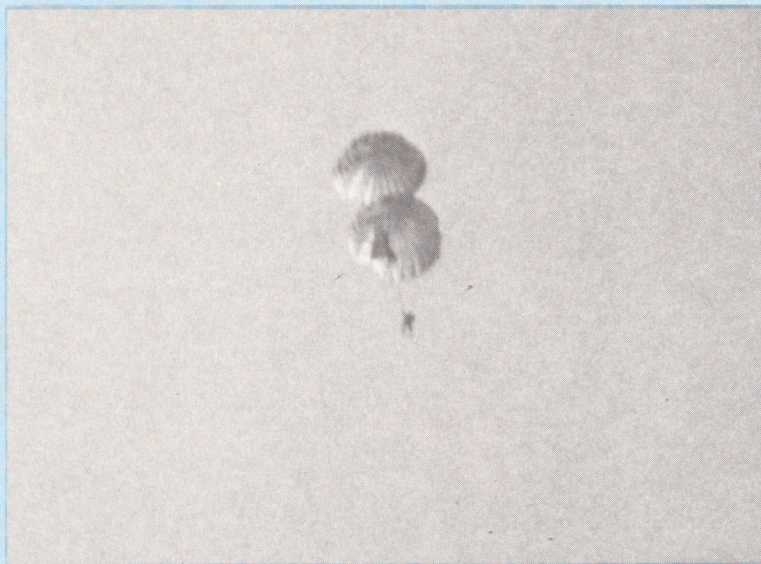
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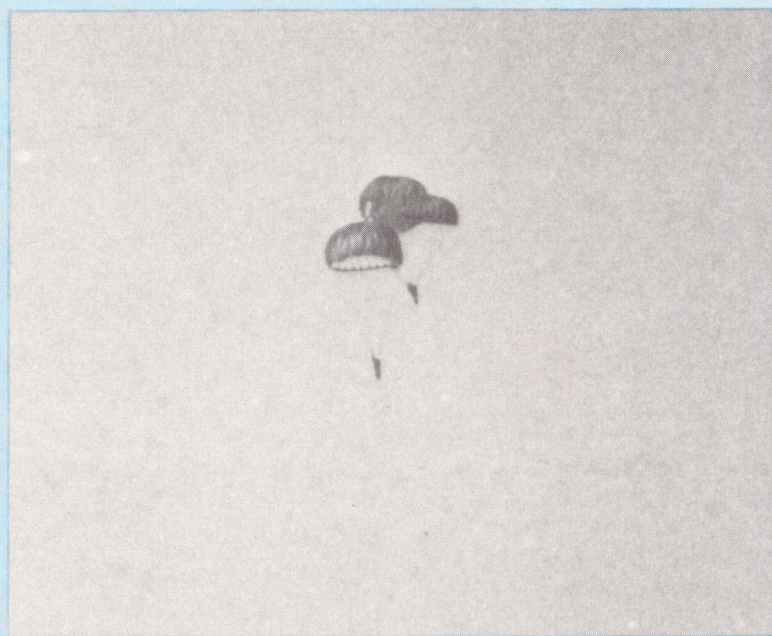
Feet and Arms Together



# CLOSE CALL



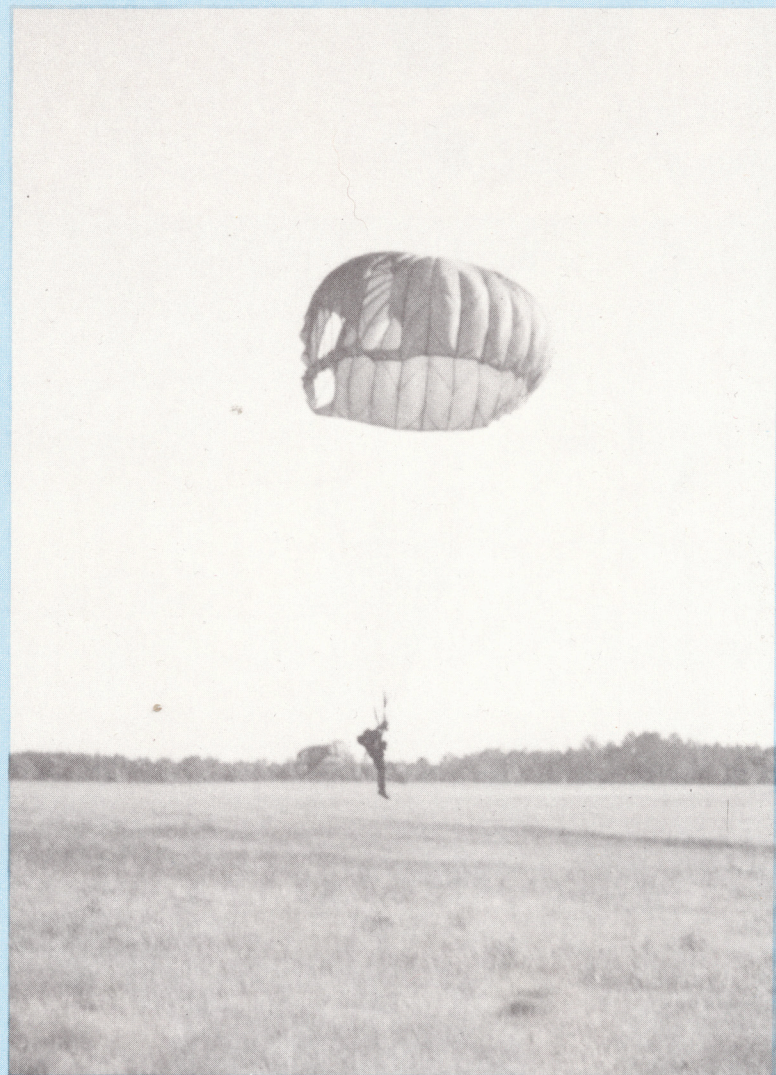
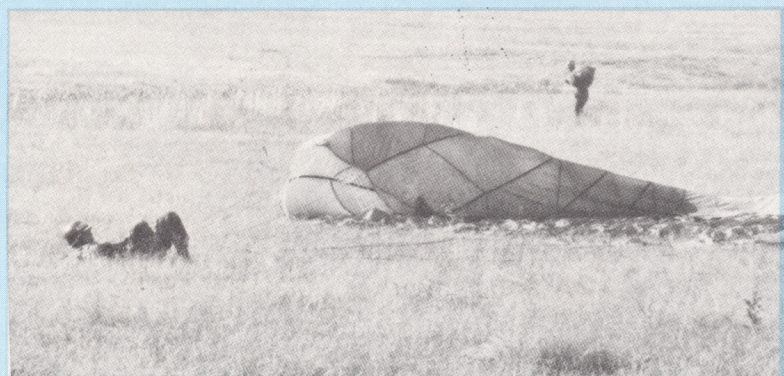
Entanglement



Pulled Reserve



Good Old Mother Earth



Touchdown

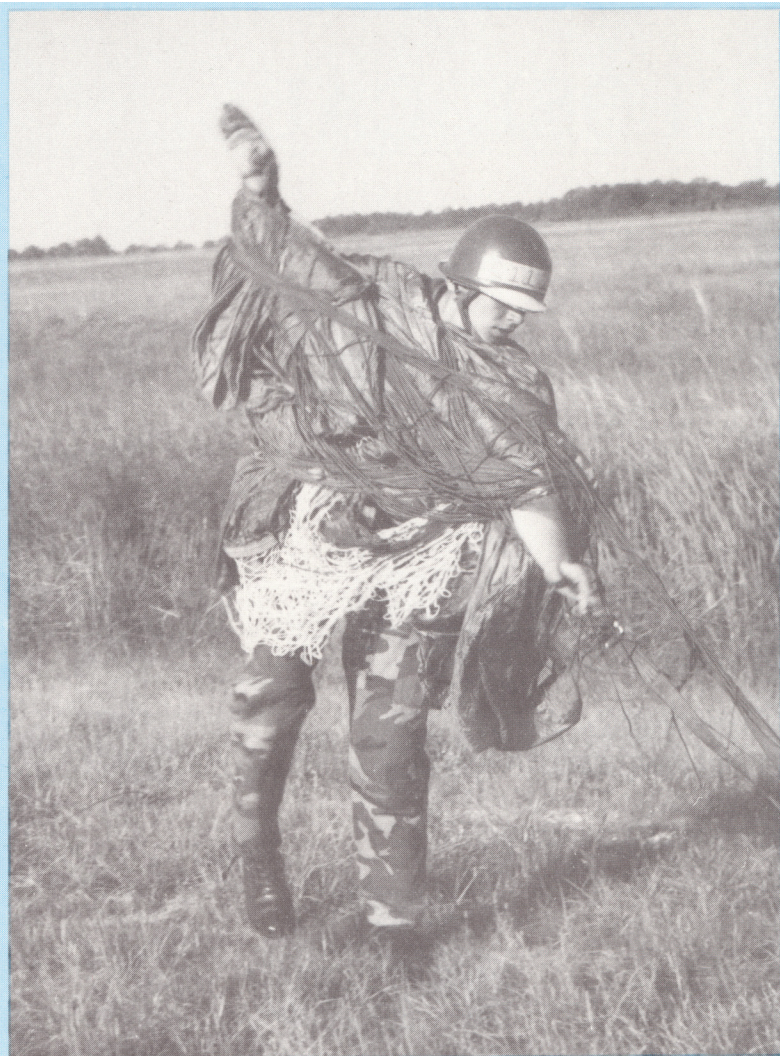
Rough Landing



# RECOVERY OF CHUTE

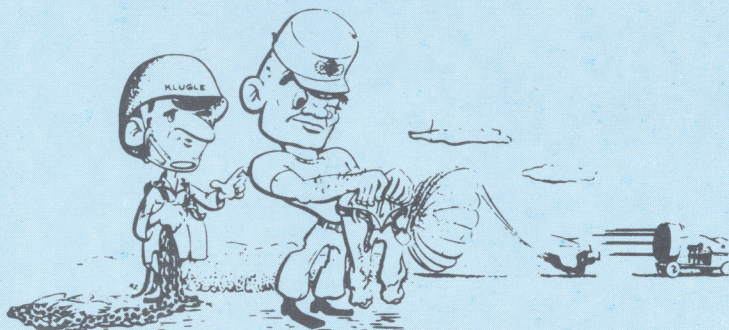


To Use Again And Again

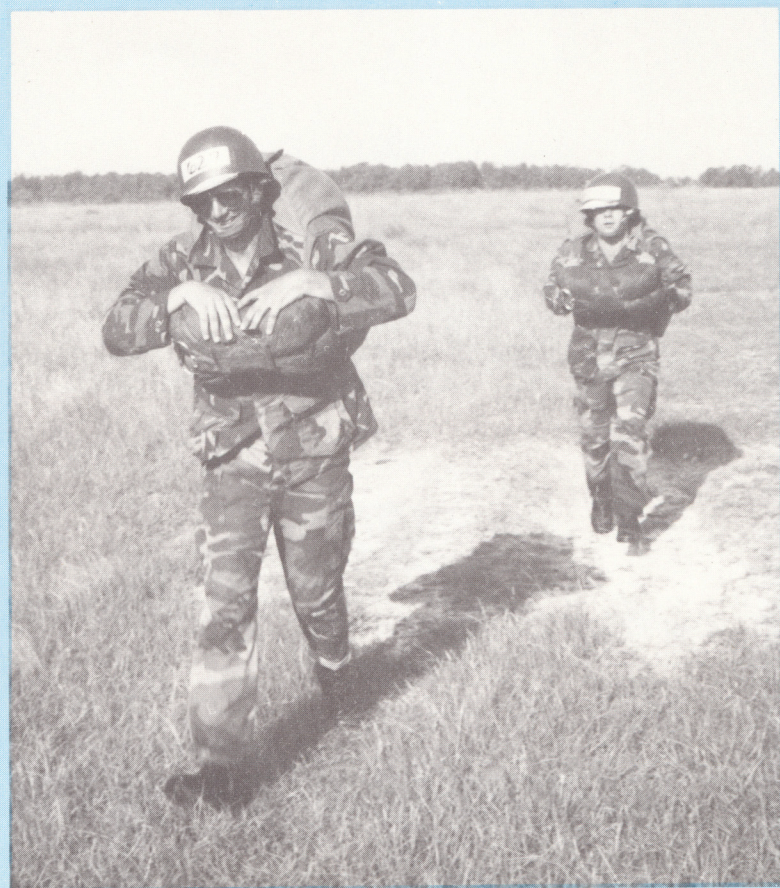


The Figure Eight

# TURN IN POINT



"EXCUSE ME, SERGEANT. DID YOU HAPPEN  
TO SEE A PAIR OF...ER..."





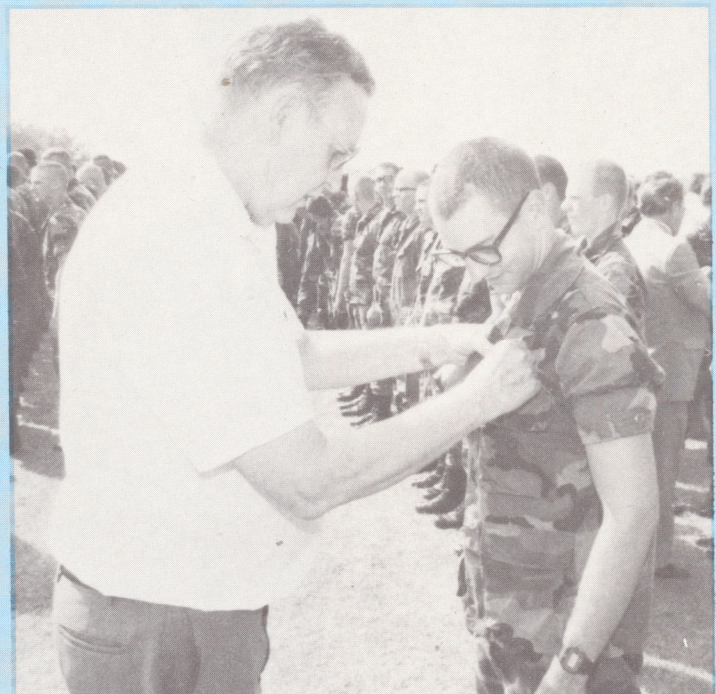
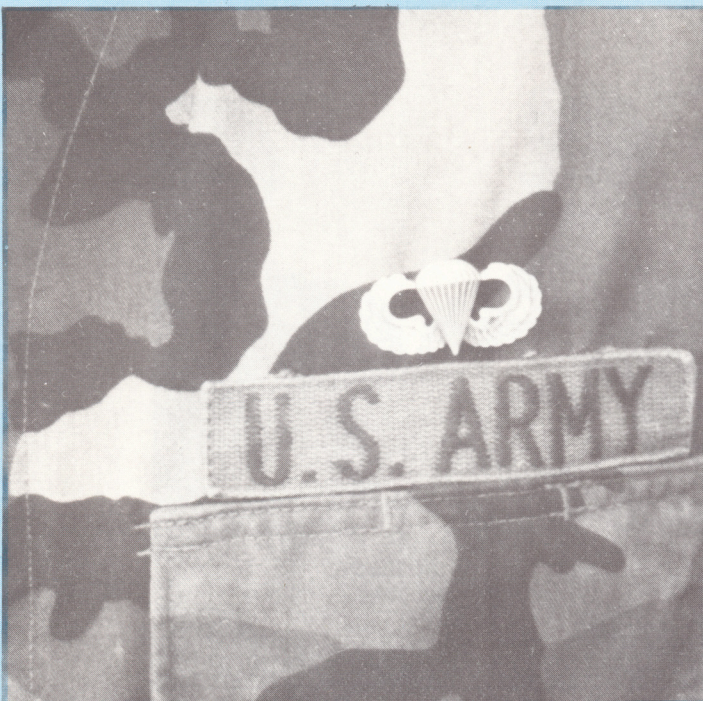


The Day  
We've Been  
Waiting  
For

# GRADUATION



At Last - The Silver Wings

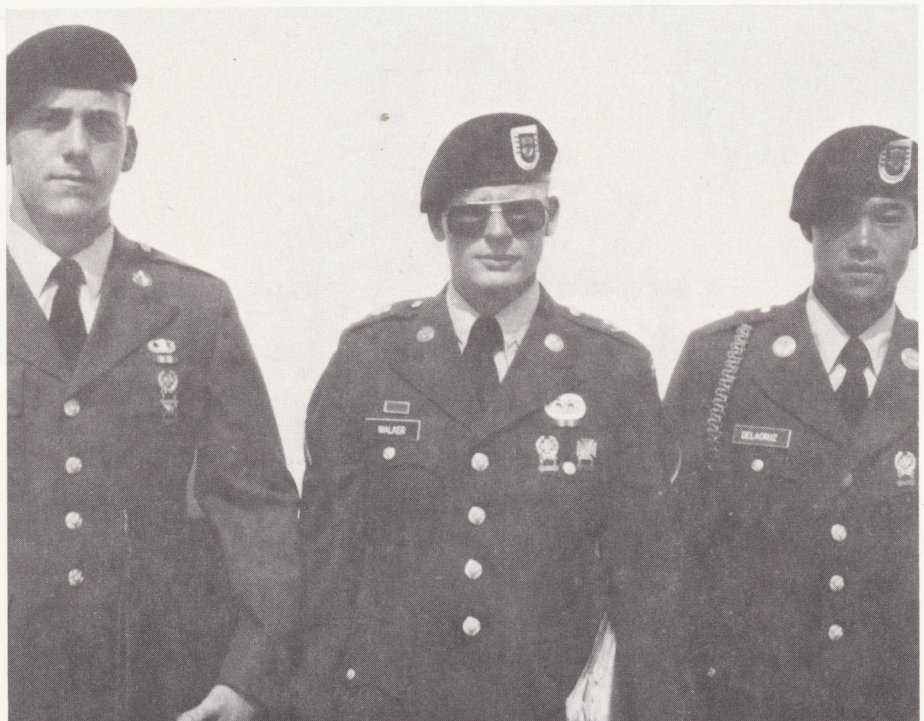




# OUT PROCESS



# GOING HOME





# EARTH BE KIND

## (A Mother's Prayer)

("Airborne," they cried,  
And took tremendous pride  
In this, their dream come true.)

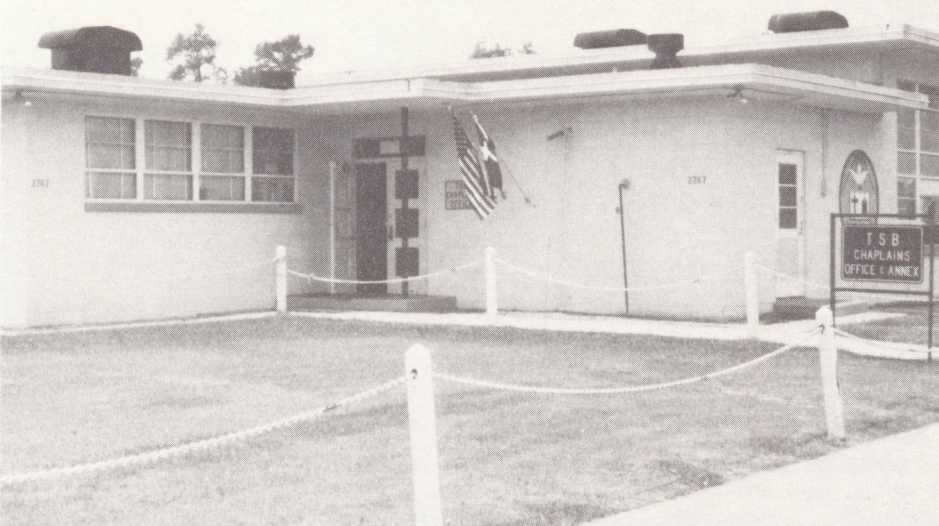
So we stood, your father and I  
In the Alabama field  
(Known to you as the "DZ.")  
And we watched the huge C-141 soar overhead  
To sprinkle the sky with sons.

All week I had prayed:  
"Sky, be kind to him,  
Cradle his shock from aircraft to sky  
And bear him like a feather —  
From sky to welcoming earth."

The pride we have in you  
To achieve the noblest achievement  
Of the wings of man ...  
Defeat the undefeatable  
And descend — free and proud  
To earth.

Green canopy, blue sky, grass and turf,  
Elements of my body, my bones, your birth;  
Oh God, be kind!  
Be kind, oh earth!!

MARCIA BARNARD CHANDLER





# "TRUST ME"

My SGT said, "Trust Me,"  
"There are no obstacles on the Drop Zone, Son,  
Go get your equipment and draw out your gun,  
There are plenty of chutes, you're not subject to bump,  
You're going to make this parachute jump."

My Commander said, "Trust Me,"  
"There are no obstacles on the Drop Zone, Son,  
Check out your equipment and check out your gun,  
The Air Force is ready, we have perfect weather,  
Don't worry men, we'll make this jump together."

My MACO said, "Trust Me,"  
"There are no obstacles on the Drop Zone, Son,  
Put on your equipment and tie down your gun,  
The DZ is soft and two miles wide,  
Get into the Airplane and enjoy the nice ride."

My JM said, "Trust Me,"  
(I can't remember his name, but he and the MACO  
Were one and the same).  
He stood me up, I went out of the door  
Into stink of exhaust, and engine roar.

My Airborne training said, "Trust Me,"  
"There are no obstacles on the Drop Zone, Son,  
Lower your equipment and untie your gun,  
A quick look around, it's as nice as can be ...  
Son-of-a-bitch, will you look at that tree,  
And ditches, and wire, and water to boot  
The whole damn world is after my chute.

The DZSO says, "Trust Me,"  
(I don't recall his name, but MACO, JM, and he were  
The same),  
Loud assurances he calls up to me  
(Suspended as I am, in my own private tree),  
"Pop your reserve and climb down outside,"  
(That's not really easy, and one hell of a ride),  
I hit the ground, a green wrinkled heap,  
Making promises I swear that I'll keep,  
Like finding my Sergeant and breaking his pen  
So he'll never manifest my name again.

The whole world seems silent as I walk towards the truck  
With main chute, reserve, rifle, and ruck,  
My mind starts to wander as I make the trek,  
It wasn't so bad, and oh what the heck,  
The DZ looked soft, it was two miles wide,  
The plane was on time, it was a nice ride.

"Oh Sergeant, my Sergeant, we made it again,  
Get out the manifest, here, use my pen,  
The DZ is soft and it's two miles wide,  
I'm ready and eager to take that next ride."

I said to myself, "Trust Me,"  
PT, Mock Door, Tower and Pit  
Have made mind and body ready and fit,  
To uphold the proud Airborne Tradition,  
The Airborne insertion just starts off the mission,  
Once on the ground, we're like any other soldier,  
Tho' just a little prouder, and, a whole lot bolder.

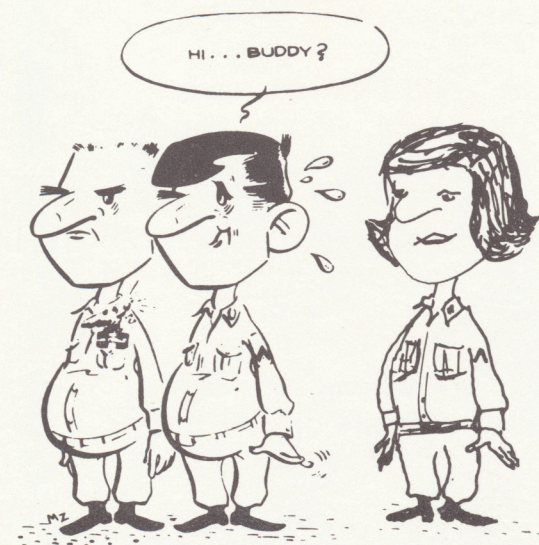
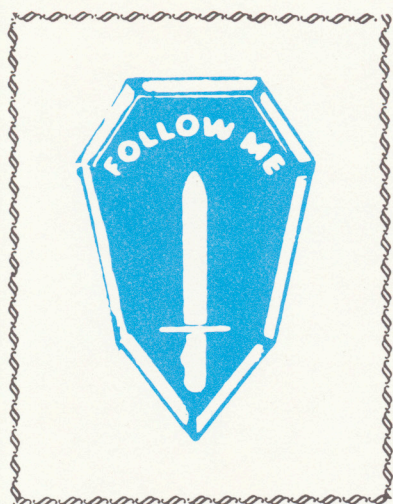
FRANK DAVENPORT



"What does a person have to do to qualify as a parachutist?"

First, all personnel must volunteer for the Basic Airborne Course and meet the physical fitness requirements specified in AR 611-7. They then go through a three (3) week course designed to produce Airborne qualified personnel. Although class sizes vary, the 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry can handle up to 500 students in one class, 95% of the instruction is presented by highly qualified noncommissioned officers. The students' performance is graded by these trainers throughout the course.

The Students who complete Ground Tower and Jump Weeks know that they have completed one of the most efficiently conducted and meaningful training phases in the United States Army.



OFFICERS AND ENLISTED  
PERSONNEL ARE IN THE SAME COMPANY  
AND ARE CO-EQUAL AS STUDENTS.

There were several hundred others, officers and enlisted personnel, starting this course with me. Early Monday morning we began our first week of Airborne training, conducted by the 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry. During the first period of instruction I attended an orientation at which my training for the next two weeks was demonstrated and at which the Battalion Commander explained the course and what would be expected of us as students. I was soon to learn that nearly 100% of the instruction is given by enlisted trainers and that 90% is practical work, meaning I work and the trainers correct me until I perform satisfactorily. The training technique utilized is the modified "Country Fair" system in which trainers are assigned to each of our platoons and not to stations or apparatus.

I was told that during the first two weeks I would learn the five basic jump techniques and the nine jump commands as well as actions accompanying them. Their mastery, as well as completing the physical training was to be our objective.

The five basic jump techniques consist of;

- (1) Control of the jumper inside of the aircraft prior to jumping.
- (2) Control of the jumper's body from the door of the aircraft until he receives the opening shock.
- (3) Control of parachute during descent.
- (4) Making contact with the ground (PLF).
- (5) Control of the parachute once the jumper is on the ground.

The nine jump commands are those that a jumpmaster gives a parachutist to exit him or her from an aircraft in flight. I learned the commands: "get ready," "outboard personnel stand up," "inboard personnel stand up," "hook up," "check static lines," "check equipment," "sound off with equipment check," "stand in the door" and "go." The technique is taught from a mockup of a C-130 aircraft. During the first week from my position in the mockup I was given the final command "Go." I then jumped up and out of the door, dropping approximately three feet ... to a sawdust pit. My NCO trainer graded me on my performance on each of the commands, if I did not do just right, I had to go back and correct my mistakes.



## THE AIRBORNE CREED

I volunteered as a parachutist, fully realizing the hazard of my chosen service and by my thoughts and actions will always uphold the prestige, honor and high esprit-de-corps of parachute troops.

I realize that a parachutist is not merely a soldier who arrives by parachute to fight, but is an elite shock trooper and that his country expects him to march farther and faster, to fight harder, to be more self-reliant than any other soldier. Parachutists of all allied armies belong to this great brotherhood.

I shall never fail my fellow comrades by shirking any duty or training, but will always keep myself mentally and physically fit and shoulder my full share of the task, whatever it may be.

I shall always accord my superiors fullest loyalty and I will always bear in mind the sacred trust I have in the lives of the men I will accompany into battle.

I shall show other soldiers by my military courtesy, neatness of dress and care of my weapons and equipment that I am a picked and well trained soldier.

I shall endeavor always to reflect the high standards of training and morale of parachute troops.

I shall respect the abilities of my enemies, I will fight fairly and with all my might, surrender is not in my creed.

I shall display a high degree of initiative and will fight on to my objective and mission, though I be the lone survivor.

I shall prove my ability as a fighting man against the enemy on the field of battle, not by quarreling with my comrades in arms or by bragging about my deeds.

I shall always realize that battles are won by an army fighting as a team, that I fight first and blaze the path into battle for others to follow and to carry the battle on.

I belong to the finest unit in the world. By my actions and deeds alone, I speak for my fighting ability. I will strive to uphold the honor and prestige of my outfit, making my country proud of me and of the unit to which I belong.



# THE AIRBORNE COURSE

"The purpose of Airborne training is two-fold. First, to qualify volunteers in the use of the parachute as a means of combat deployment. Second, through mental and physical conditioning to develop leadership, self confidence, and aggressive spirit." These qualities are in high demand whether the soldier's unit is classified as "light" or "heavy" or whether the paratrooper is a soldier, sailor, airman or marine.

The Basic Airborne Course consists of three weeks of intensive instruction in the technical training of military static-line parachutists. At Ground Training Week students are instructed and evaluated on physical conditioning, actions in the aircraft, body control during exit from the aircraft, body control during the parachute landing falls, and components of the parachute harness. During Tower Training Week students are evaluated again on physical conditioning, exits, and parachute landing falls. They are instructed and evaluated on control of the Parachute during descent, Parachute control on landing (methods of recovery), emergency procedures, and activation of the reserve parachute. During Jump Training Week the students are tested by making five parachute jumps, one at night, and two with combat equipment at altitudes from 1250' to 2000' from Air Force High Performance Aircraft.

Discipline is enforced throughout the course. For failure to comply with instructions, failure to pay attention in class, or other breaches of good soldierly conduct, students may expect reinforcement exercises, not as harassment but to instill in the student a brisk alertness of mind and body, while continuing to build the student physically for further airborne training.

Officers take the same course and are assigned to the same company as enlisted personnel. They also become students and work side by side with enlisted men and women in all phases of instruction. Their rank as officer is respected, yet all ranks are equal as students.

## **1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 507TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT**

### **MISSION**

- **PREPARE FOR COMBAT - CONDUCT THE ARMY AIRBORNE SCHOOL**
- **QUALIFY VOLUNTEERS IN THE USE OF THE PARACHUTE AS A MEANS OF COMBAT DEPLOYMENT**
- **DEVELOP LEADERSHIP, SELF CONFIDENCE AND SPIRIT THROUGH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONING.**
- **CONDUCT PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION FOR BASIC AIRBORNE, JUMPMaster AND PATHFINDER COURSE.**
- **PROVIDE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE IN SUPPORT OF PREPARATION AND REVIEW OF AIRBORNE DOCTRINE.**
- **DEVELOP AND STANDARDIZE PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES FOR PATHFINDER AND JUMPMaster COURSES.**
- **MAINTAIN A MILITARY PARACHUTE FREE FALL TEAM TO EVALUATE AND DEMONSTRATE TECHNIQUES OF ADVANCED PARACHUTING.**
- **SERVE AS CG'S EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR MILITARY PARACHUTING.**



# BLOOD ON THE RISERS

(Tune of "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah")

He was just a rookie trooper,  
And he surely shook with fright  
As he checked all his equipment,  
And made sure his pack was tight  
He had to sit and listen to those awful engines roar,  
You ain't gonna jump no more.

"Is everyone happy?", cried the sergeant, looking up,  
Our Hero feebly answered "Yes," and then they stood him up,  
He leaped right out into the blast, his static line unhooked,  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!

(CHORUS)

He counted long, he counted loud, he waited for the shock,  
He felt the wind, he felt the clouds, he felt the awful drop,  
He jerked his cord, the silk spilled out and wrapped around his legs.  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!

(CHORUS)

The risers wrapped around his neck, connectors cracked his dome  
The lines were snarled and tied in knots, around his skinny bones,  
The canopy became his shroud, he hurtled to the ground,  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!

(CHORUS)

The days he's lived and loved and laughed kept running through his mind,  
He thought about the girl back home, the one he'd left behind,  
He thought about the medics and wondered what they'd find,  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!

(CHORUS)

The ambulance was on the spot, the jeeps were running wild,  
The medics jumped and screamed with glee, they rolled their sleeves and smiled  
For it had been a week or more since last a 'Chute had failed.  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!

(CHORUS)

He hit the ground, the sound was "SPLAT", his blood went spurting high  
His comrades then were heard to say, "A Helluva way to die."  
He lay there rolling 'round in the welter of his gore.  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!

(CHORUS)

There was blood upon the risers, there were brains upon the 'Chute  
Intestines were a'dangling from his Paratrooper's boots,  
They picked him, still in his 'Chute and poured him from his boots.  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!

(CHORUS)

GORY, GORY, WHAT A HELLUVA WAY TO DIE  
GORY, GORY, WHAT A HELLUVA WAY TO DIE  
GORY, GORY, WHAT A HELLUVA WAY TO DIE  
HE AIN'T GONNA JUMP NO MORE!







# HISTORY

It is generally agreed that the late General Billy Mitchell conceived the idea of parachuting troops from aircraft into combat against an enemy. It was shortly after World War I that General Mitchell arranged for the first display of his concept at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. In the demonstration, six U.S. soldiers parachuted from a Martin Bomber, landed, and less than three minutes after exiting the aircraft they assembled their weapons on the field and were ready for action. Unfortunately for the United States, the officials who witnessed this historic event dismissed the whole day as a folly.

Not all of the observers arrived at the same conclusion. Representatives of the Soviet Union and Germany were greatly impressed with the demonstration. Parachuting was introduced in Russia as a national sport. Young and old were encouraged to join the Russian Airborne Corps.

In August 1930, at Veronezh, Russia, paratroopers participated for the first time in military maneuvers. Their use was so effective that a repeat performance was given in Moscow one month later.

German observers also quickly grasped the potential of parachute troops and planners worked feverishly to develop an effective military parachute organization. The effectiveness of the paratroopers startled the world. At the outbreak of World War II, both the Soviet Union and Hitler's Germany parachuted troops in their respective spearhead assaults.

Early in 1940, the United States awoke from its dream of isolation, and all branches of the armed forces began an all-out preparedness program. Spurred by the successful employment of airborne troops by the Germans in the Low Countries, wheels began turning in developing this new form of warfare.

On 25 June 1940, the commandant of the Infantry School was directed to organize a parachute test platoon of volunteers from the 29th Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fort Benning. Later that year the Commanding General of the 2d Infantry Division was directed to conduct tests necessary to develop reference data and operational procedures for air-transported troops.

In July 1940, the task of organizing the test platoon began. First Lieutenant William T. Ryder of the 29th Infantry volunteered and was designated platoon leader. Forty eight men were selected for the platoon from a pool of 200 enlisted volunteers. Selection was based primarily on high standards of health and rugged physical characteristics. The platoon was moved into tents near Lawson Field, now the site of Jump Training Branch, and an abandoned hanger was acquired for use as a training hall and for parachute packing.

Lieutenant Colonel William C. Lee, a member of the staff of the Chief of Infantry, was keenly interested in the test platoon. He recommended that the men be moved to Hightstown, New Jersey, for a week's training on the parachute drop towers which had been used in the New York World's Fair. At that time the towers were located on the premises of their owner, the Safe Parachute Company, thus, 18 days after its organization, the test platoon was moved to Hightstown and trained for one week on the 250-foot towers.

Training on the towers was particularly effective. The similarity of a drop from the tower to that of a drop from an airplane added a touch of realism to the training that was impossible to duplicate otherwise. Additionally, dropping from the towers proved to the troopers that their parachutes would function safely.

The Army was so impressed with the towers that it purchased two of them from the Safe Parachute Company and erected them at Fort Benning. Later, two more were added. Three of these Towers are still in use at Fort Benning.

The first jump by members of the platoon from an aircraft in flight was made from a Douglas B-18 over Lawson Field on 16 August 1940. Before the drop, members of the platoon held a lottery to determine which man would have the honor to be the first to follow Lieutenant Ryder out of the door. The drawing was won by Private William N. King, who became the first enlisted man to make an official jump as a paratrooper in the United States Army. On 29 August, at Lawson Field, members of the platoon made the first platoon mass jump held in the United States.



The first parachute combat unit to be organized was the 501st Parachute Battalion. It was commanded by Major William M. Miley, later Major General and commander of the 17th Airborne Division. Members of the test platoon were the cadre for the Battalion.

It is a little known fact that the paratroopers traditional cry "GERONIMO" originated in the 501st. It was first used by a Private Aubrey Ebenhart to prove to a friend that he had full possession of his faculties when he jumped. "GERONIMO" was adopted by the 501st as a battle cry and has been used by paratroopers ever since.

The 502d Parachute Infantry Battalion was activated on 1 July 1941. Men of the 501st were its cadre. The 502d was far below authorized strength, and Lieutenant Colonel William C. Lee assumed the task of recruiting 172 prospective troopers from the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Bragg. The response to his request for volunteers was startling. More than 400 men, including noncommissioned officers who were willing to "take a bust," answered his call.

Airborne experimentation of another type was initiated on 10 October 1941 when the Army's first Glider Infantry Battalion was activated. This unit was officially designated the 88th Glider Infantry Battalion and was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Elbridge G. Chapman, Jr. Lieutenant Colonel Chapman later became a Major General and commanded the 13th Airborne Division.

As more Airborne units such as the 507th Infantry were activated, trained their own paratroopers and deployed to combat, it became apparent that a centralized training facility should be formed. As a result, the Parachute school was established at Fort Benning on 15 May 1942. Since that time, the Parachute School has been known by a variety of names: The Airborne School, 1 January 1946; the Airborne Army Aviation Section, The Infantry School, 1 November 1946; the Airborne Department, The Infantry School, February 1955; Airborne-Air Mobility Department, November 1956; the Airborne Department, August 1964, the Airborne-Airmobility Department in October 1974; the Airborne Department in October 1976; the 4th Airborne Training Battalion, The School Brigade in January 1982; and the 1st Battalion (Abn), 507th Infantry, The U.S. Army Infantry School in October 1985.

In December of 1943, the all black "555th Parachute Infantry Company (Colored)," later redesignated Company A, 44th Parachute Infantry Battalion and remembered as the "Triple Nickle," arrived at Fort Benning for Airborne training, marking a milestone for black Americans in the combat arms.

On 14 December 1973, another milestone in Airborne history was established when PVT's Kutsch and Johnson became the first two women to graduate from the Airborne Course. The need to qualify women as parachutists came about as a result of a critical personnel shortage in the Parachute Rigger field in the early 1970's. Other countries in the world train and use women in the role to pack and repair parachutes and related aerial delivery equipment. Therefore, the US Army Infantry School was authorized to conduct a modified program of instruction to see if it was feasible to train women as military parachutists. A POI was developed with the emphasis placed on technical proficiency, and with the emphasis on technical rather than physical proficiency, the first two women completed the training. Subsequently, they went on to the USA Quartermaster School, successfully completed the Parachute Rigger Course, and were assigned to Aerial Delivery Companies at Fort Bragg. Since then, an ever increasing number of women have completed the Airborne Course, and today women are enrolled in the course on a regular basis.

The Second World War, Korean, and Vietnam combat records of Airborne units is a story of unexcelled valor. From their first major combat jump in North Africa through Vietnam until the most recent one by the 75th Rangers and 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment in Grenada, U.S. paratroopers have fought with a spirit, a determination, and tenacity that has captured and held the imagination and respect of the world.

Today the U.S. Army Airborne School is conducted as a mission of 1st Battalion (Abn), 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, an Airborne unit with a long and respected combat heritage. Spanning the Second World War, it was reactivated in October 1985, in September 1986, reorganized to conduct parachute training as a unit rather than by committee. Every trainer trains as though he will lead his soldiers in combat.

#### HUNTERS FROM THE SKY



